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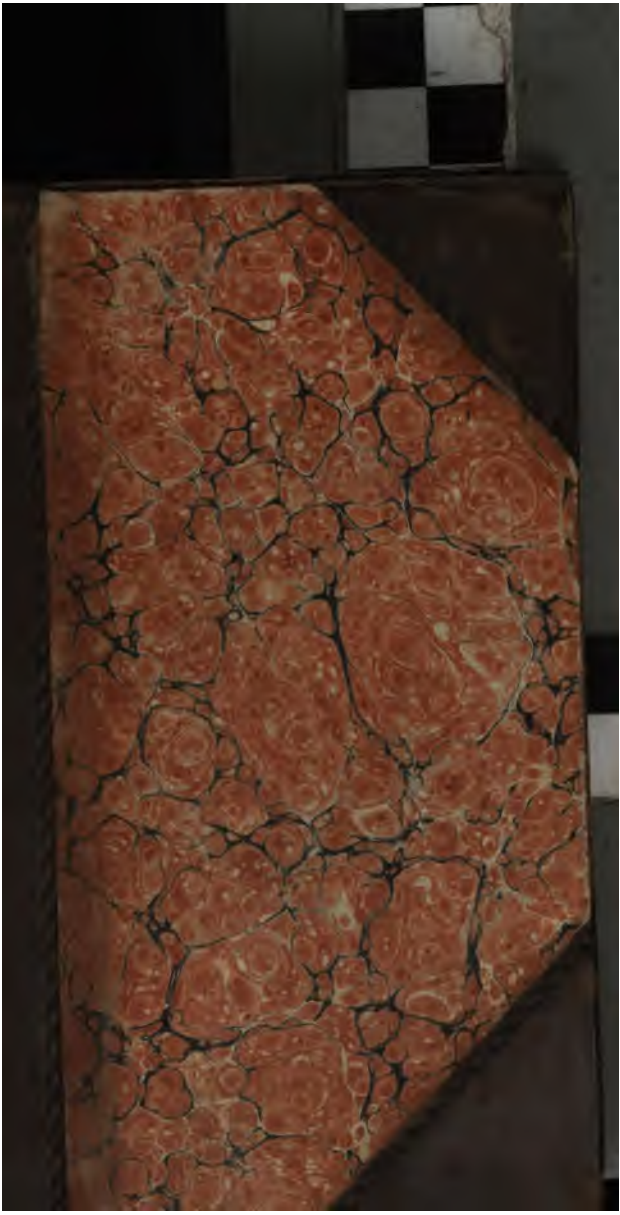

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PREFACE.

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The Editor of the Pocket Prayer Book
s reason to acknowledge with much
ankfulness, the general approbation with
ich the first Editions of this little Vo-
me have been received; another Edition
ing called for, it is now re-printed with
ditional Prayers for the Family, inter-
ersed with Meditations on Texts of
ripture, selected from Henry, and other
votional writers. It is the Editor's wish
at a short Family Service may be form-
, by reading one of the Meditations, fol-
wed by a suitable Psalm, or Hymn, (to
read or sung) and concluded by a prayer.
will be found that this little Service
ay be performed in about twenty mi-
tes, and it is hoped will not be thought
encroach too much upon domestic
ties.

It is not wished that this short Medita-
on should take place of the reading of
e Scriptures. Some portion of Scrip-
re, accompanied by a select part of a
votional and practical exposition, such
Doddridge and Henry, Brown or Scott,

should be daily read in the family; this might form the morning exercise; and a devotional meditation the evening service. Such a variety might be found highly interesting to the servants and younger branches of the family, and lead them to continue, from inclination, as well as duty, a practice from which they had received both pleasure and profit.

As the few Meditations interspersed may not afford sufficient variety, the Editor begs leave to recommend for this purpose a small volume of devotional meditations selected from Dr. Watts and Mr. Howe. That this little Volume may be attended with the Divine blessing, and be the happy means of promoting a spirit of devotion in the Family and the Closet, is the sincere prayer of

The Editor.

PREFACE

TO THE SEVENTH EDITION.

The Editor of the Pocket Prayer Book s been long permitted to watch in retire- ent the progress of her little circulating lumes: unknown by name, or place of ode. Their increasing circulation seems urge the necessity of giving some efficient ace of residence, should any future commu- cation be requested from abroad.

The Editor being the only responsible rson, hopes that the friends of evangelical ligion will accept of this apology for the llowing short statement.

It was a sentiment formed in early years, at every member of society should have in ew some leading object of pursuit, so far may be consistent with the first duties of lative and domestic life: free from many

of its most important cares, the Editor found herself at liberty to follow the chosen object of her pursuit—the abridgment of books.

The devotional writings of Baxter, Howe, Flavel, Allein, Watts and Doddridge, made a strong impression upon her own mind; and in the ardour of youthful feeling she imagined, that the same impression must follow wherever their works were known.

Her plan was to form from the most devotional and practical parts of their works, a few pocket volumes for easy circulation; mere extracts were not her taste. It was her wish to form her little abridgments, as much as possible, into a whole; *whether a Volume, a Chapter, or a Meditation: endeavouring to preserve the thoughts and feelings of the respective Authors, and to give all in their own highly spiritual and scriptural language.*

As a sample of what she wished to effect, she begs leave to refer to her little volume of Meditations from Watts and Howe. Happy would she be, should her endeavours encourage some of her pious readers to try the pleasant work. Her *feeble pen, employed from youth to age, has done little to exhaust these treasures.*

Henry's Commentary contains rich mate-
rials for Bible meditations; some of them
will be found in the Pocket Prayer Book.
The devotional parts of Baxter's writings,
(particularly his Christian Directory,) af-
ord excellent materials for prayer, as well
as practical divinity. Bishop Patrick, and
Jenks, give some of our most spiritual mo-
dels of prayer: to each of these authors the
Pocket Prayer Book is highly indebted.

Should the expense of printing a volume
deter some of her young friends from making
an attempt, she wishes to remind them, that
it is by no means difficult to epitomize a book
into a tract, and for a sample begs leave to
refer to the "Saint Indeed," from Flavel.

The union of a few friends might with
ease defray the expense of one *tract, espe-*
cially if the edition be large. If only one
important tract be selected, the good which
may be accomplished is incalculable.

After so much experience of the Divine
goodness, the Editor can with cheerfulness
leave her plan with Him who witnessed her
earnest request in early life for its success.
He has not turned away her prayer, nor his
mercy from her: and she indulges the pleas-

ing hope that in some distant land, (pe
far from her native shores,) or in som
tant period of time, this undertaking m
placed in more efficient hands; still
His blessing—without which, a Paul
plant, and an Apollos water in vain.

To Him that is able to do exce
abundantly above all that she could a
think, to Him alone be all the praise o
unworthy Editor,

Rebecca Wilki

Clapham Common, Surrey
Jan. 20*th*, 1825.

PREFACE

TO THE ELEVENTH EDITION.

The Editors of the Pocket Prayer Book cannot offer an Eleventh Edition to the Public, without humbly acknowledging the blessing of Almighty God which has appeared to follow its enlarged circulation. Since the death of its valued Compiler, in the year 1828, more than 20,000 copies have been sold, or gratuitously dispersed; and an Eleventh Edition, of 10,000 copies, is now issued from the Press. The work will be found substantially the same, with the exception of a few passages from the earlier Editions, which had been omitted from want of space, but are now restored.

It only *remains for them* again to com*mit their little work to* the protection

Him, whose is the spirit of prayer, supplication, and to add their humbl tition, that it may be made subservie the glory of that Redeemer, "for w prayer also shall be made continua and "unto whom, shall the gatherin the people be."

Clapham Common, 1838.

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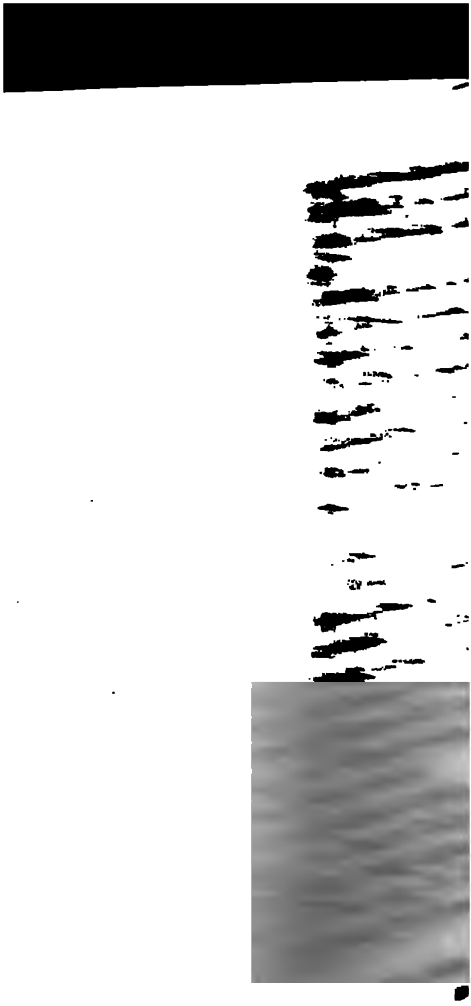
THE

OCKET PRAYER BOOK.

INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS.

MY friends, this *Prayer Book* is presented) you, not as a set of forms by which you re to be confined; but as helps to lead you o devotion.

Prayer is your first duty, your highest rivilege: it is a communion of the soul ith God; with your Father, your heaven- y Father! It must proceed from your own earts: it must be the language of your wn joys, of your own wants and sorrows. t will be the pleasure and comfort of your fe to keep up this devout communion with our God. When loaded with mercies; how leasant is it to look up and say, "Thou rownest me with loving-kindness and ten- er mercies!" "He that spared not his ow on, but *delivered him up* for us all, hc *all he not with him* also freely give



for thoughts of God; and every thought be a spring of pleasure and holy delight! When prayer is mixed with your thoughts, your heart will breathe out such requests as that of the Psalmist, "Rejoice the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul!"

To promote this spirit of devotion, converse much with the word of God: let it "dwell in you richly, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;" endeavour to imitate the lively devotion you meet with in the heavenly volume; and try to have your heart affected in the same way. To you is directed the invitation, "O come let us sing unto the Lord; let us come before his presence with thanksgiving." O join the universal church, and say, "While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto God while I have any being."

Accustom yourselves to behold the blessed God in the face of his beloved Son, who is "the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person." Call upon him in the endearing relation of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, his God and our God, his Father and our Father. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord *Jesus Christ*, which according to *his abundant mercy*, hath begotten us again

to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away!"

Every day let some portion of the word of God be read in this devotional manner. It will afford subjects both for meditation and prayer. And, thus, through the influences of divine grace, you will attain to that spiritual mindedness, which is "life and peace" here; and which will fit you to join in the song of Moses and the Lamb for ever.

It has been observed, with much pleasure; that, of late, the important, but long neglected duty of explaining the Scriptures daily, for the benefit of children and servants, is reviving among pious heads of families in all classes of society.

Ignorance the most fatal is entailed upon every family where the wisdom from above is not known or desired.

A select portion of scripture, meditated upon in the closet, and talked over with a simplicity and feeling adapted to the capacities of the young and the ignorant, has been attended with the most beneficial effects.

Happy the parents, whose hearts have received the words of life, and who teach

them diligently to their children; who talk of them while sitting in the house, or walking by the way; when they lie down, and when they rise up.

Happy is the family, whether high or low, where the word of God is loved, dwells in the heart, and influences the lives of all its members.

Introductory Prayer,

To be used at the beginning of our Devotions.

O thou ever blessed Majesty, who fillest heaven and earth with thy presence, and art always listening to the supplications of a world of creatures that hang upon thee: open, we beseech thee, thine ears of mercy to thine unworthy servants, who are prostrate at thy footstool. Our hearts would now open themselves to thy gracious influence; possess them, we beseech thee, with such a strong and vigorous love to thyself, as may lift us up above all earthly things; that we may approach with longing hearts to thee our God, our exceeding joy. Gather in, we beseech thee, our wandering thoughts, and fix them upon thyself: raise our cold and earthly desires, and cause them to ascend unto thee in the lively fervour of devotion. May we so ask, that we may receive; so seek, that we may find; so knock, that it may be opened unto us, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and *Redeemer*. Amen.

FAMILY PRAYERS.

FIRST WEEK.

MEDITATION

For the Lord's Day Morning.

CHRIST MIGHTY TO SAVE.

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost, that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."—Heb. vii. 25.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was able to save from the beginning: from the first promise to our fallen parents unto the present day, has the seed of the woman been bruising the serpent's head. By faith in him the elders obtained a good report, and died in expectation of a better resurrection. Their faith embraced him according to the degree in which he was revealed; they saw his day in distant prospect, and rejoiced: and were admitted to the divine favour here, and *to eternal* happiness above.

He appeared able to save when he d
on earth in a tabernacle of clay: still
mingled the dignity and power of a C
with the abasements and infirmities
mortal man: asserting to himself the di
prerogative of forgiving sins: speakin
a glorious resurrection and eternal
as his gift: representing himself as
head stone of the corner, on whom
fixed all the stress of men's eternal in
ests: and as the awful judge, before wh
tribunal the greatest of the childrer
men should stand; and from whom
should receive that decisive sentence, wh
should fix them in final happiness
despair. Nay, even in his deepest humi
tion on the cursed tree, a ray of di
glory broke through the dark cloud
infamy with which he was then surround
and, amidst all the scorn and rage of
sulting enemies, who were reproach
him as abandoned by God and man,
speaks from the cross as from the thro
and, as the king of heaven, takes upon
to dispose of seats in Paradise! If he w
thus able to save, when he dwelt in
humble a form; how much more so is
amidst all the magnificence of his exa
tion in the highest heaven; whither he
scended, as a glorious conqueror, ha

exert an almighty power for the
ı of his people, as he was on that
us day, when he poured out the
ı his disciples, at the Feast of Pen-
or when he appeared to Paul on
to Damascus with the glories of
new upon him, even with lustre
ıg that of the meridian sun! Still
Redeemer able to save, and shall
: to be so. When we and our
are laid in the dust of death, he
the joy and confidence of a new
believers; and to the very end of
e generation shall rise, and declare
ıteousness to another, and that
ısness shall be the same! This

power as of his grace, that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever!

Heavenly Father, glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee; that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow, and every tongue confess him Lord. Be thou exalted Lord in thine own strength; so will we sing and praise thy power.

HYMN

For the Lord's Day Morning.

All power and grace to God belong,
He is my strength, and He my song:
He comes, my Saviour, from his throne;
He comes, to bring salvation down.

Lo! rising from the tents of men,
The voice of joy resounds again:
His saints with him the triumph claim,
And shout salvation to his name.

His own right hand its strength displays
In acts of valour and of grace:
The cross, the tomb, the throne declare
How vast his power and glory are.

For us he conquers, though he dies:
Behold the mighty Saviour rise!
His own right hand on high displays
In acts of valour and of grace.

PRAYER

For the Lord's Day Morning.

Most gracious God and Father, it is od for us to draw near to thee. Blessed the man whom thou choosest, and causest approach unto thee, that he may be ll praising thee ! We bless thee for the turning light of this morning. O let the y-spring from on high visit our souls, d the sun of righteousness arise upon with healing in his wings. "The light see is the Lord's." "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will ejoice and be glad therein." May this indeed the sabbath of the Lord in our velling, and in our hearts; a sabbath of st from sin, and of rest in God. Enable , we pray thee, so to sanctify this day, at it may be made a means of our sanc- ication.

Grant that, by resting from every world- employment, our hearts may be more ken off from present things; and that by nploying our *time in the* worship of God, *e may be led into* a more experimental *uaintance with the* work of heaven, an

be made more meet for that blessed world. On this day would we give glory to thee, O Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive blessing, and honor, and glory, and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are, and were created. O Thou, who didst at first command the light to shine out of darkness, shine into our hearts, to give us more of the light of the knowledge of thy glory, in the face of Jesus Christ; and let us be thy workmanship, created anew in him unto good works. With peculiar pleasure would we call to mind the resurrection of our exalted Redeemer from the dead on the first day of the week; by which he was declared to be the son of God with power, and is become the first fruits of them that slept. O that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may rise and walk in newness of life. We pray that the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead, and graciously descended on the Church on the day of Pentecost, may dwell and rule in us, and make us partakers of a new and divine nature. We bless thee for thy holy word, *which is a light* to our feet, and a lamp to *our paths.* Let us not receive this grace

vain; but teach us to value and
ıd that blessed book which was
ɔr our learning, that we through
and comfort of the scriptures may
e. Especially we bless thee for
Gospel record, "That God hath
us eternal life, and that this
his Son." O may we receive
ithful saying, and worthy of all
on, "That Christ came into the
save sinners." May he be made
wisdom, and righteousness, and
tion, and redemption. Being
him by faith, may we grow up
in all things, who is our head.
thee for the new covenant made
n Jesus Christ. May we flee to
uge, and take hold of it, as the
before us. O receive us into the
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n the beloved. Grant that our
ay this day be filled with pleasing
of Christ, and that great love
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ll our sins, in thought, word, and
ıd let no corrupt affections hinder
ıt of our souls heavenward.
y word come with life and power
souls, and be as good seed sown
il, taking root and bringing forth

fruit to thy praise. Assist the ministe of thy gospel rightly to divide the word truth, and to speak with love, fidelity, a success. May sinners be converted un thee, and thy saints built up in knowledg faith, and holiness, unto salvation. No the God of hope fill us with joy and pea in believing, through Jesus Christ, o blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

HYMN

For the Lord's Day Evening.

Let everlasting glories crown
  Thy head, my Saviour and my Lord:
Thy hands have brought salvation down,
  And writ the blessings in thy word.

In vain the trembling conscience seeks
  Some solid ground to rest upon;
With long despair the spirit breaks
  Till we apply to Christ alone.

How well thy blessed truths agree!
  How wise and holy thy commands!
Thy promises how great and free!
  How firm our hope and comfort stands!

Should all the forms that men devise
  Assault our faith with treacherous art;
We call them vanity and lies,
  And bind the gospel to our heart.

PRAYER

For the Lord's Day Evening.

most good and gracious God, though ı art the High and Holy One, who ıbitest eternity, yet thou permittest ; and ashes to draw nigh unto thee ; dwellest in the humble and contrite rt, that trembles at thy word. We ıe to praise thee for all the gracious ds that we have heard this day in thy se ; for the glad tidings of salvation ch have sounded in our ears ; for all ; we have heard of Jesus, of his dying ;, of his holy and spotless life, of the ctifying influences of his Spirit ; for all holy thoughts, affections, and purposes ; have been raised in our hearts ; for means of grace, and for the hope of y ! How exceeding rich is thy grace to ı in Christ Jesus ! "Thanks be unto l for his unspeakable gift !" May we w this thankfulness by a life of constant dience to thy commandments, and of ıble submission to thy will. May it be meat and our drink to do thy will.

orgive, *O our Father*, that our thoughts, *tions, and devotions*, towards thee

are so few, so short, so cold; that we ha
at any time loved the world, the trifl
and pleasures of it, more than God, a
Christ, and heaven. We are ashamed a
tremble to think, with what indifferen
we too often hear and receive the messag
of salvation by Christ; that we are
little melted by his love; that we are
unlike our blessed Lord in his holy lif
and in his meek and lowly temper; th
we have no deeper sense of the evil of si
after all that thou hast done to deliver
from it, and to shew thy hatred against i
that we have so little serious sense of th
worth of souls, and the weight of eternit
O gracious God, clear up our understand
ing of divine things; call off our mind
from every thing that draws our heart
from thee; and write thy law in our heart
that we may no more sin against the
Sanctify us more entirely, in body, sou
and spirit; renew us more into thin
image; we would be thine, more entirel
thine; we would live to thee while w
live; we would serve thee, not with th
spirit of bondage as slaves; but with th
cheerfulness and affection of children.
make thy ways so pleasant to us, that th
forbidden pleasures of sin may lose al
their attraction. Let the thoughts of th

ious love in Christ, and our peace and
lon, and everlasting blessedness with
, be the daily cordial of our hearts.
the days of our lives may we comfort
elves, and one another, with the hope,
we shall be ever with our glorified
l. We would live, and worship toge-
here, as fellow-heirs of that glory
blessedness which we hope to enjoy
thee for ever in thy heavenly king-
: and as the children of thy family,
would pray that the same blessings
descend on all mankind; may they
, with us, partake of thy great salva-
be translated out of the kingdom of
ness into the kingdom of thy dear
and in him let all the nations of the
be blessed. And may we all join at
the song of Moses and the Lamb,
, "Worthy is the Lamb that was
o receive glory and honour, for he
deemed us to God by his blood."

MEDITATION

For Monday Morning.

THE THRONE OF GRACE.

"Let us, therefore, come boldly to the throne of grace." Heb. iv. 16.

A *throne*, bespeaks authority, awe, and reverence; a *throne* of *grace*, bespeaks encouragement, even to the chief of sinners: there grace reigns and acts with sovereign freedom, power, and bounty. To be often found before this throne is both our bounden duty and our highest interest. Our errand there is, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

In all our approaches to this throne of grace for mercy, we are permitted to come with humble freedom and boldness. We should ask in faith, nothing wavering; we should come with a spirit of adoption, as children to a reconciled God and Father.

We are, indeed, to come with reverence and godly fear, not, however, with terror and amazement; but as kindly invited to the mercy-seat, where grace reigns through *righteousness*, unto eternal life, by Jesus *Christ our Lord.*

HYMN

For Monday Morning.

Come let us lift our thankful eyes
  Up to the courts above,
Rejoic'd to see our Father there,
  Upon a throne of love.

Now we may bow before his feet,
  And venture near the Lord;
No fiery cherub guards his seat,
  Nor double flaming sword.

The peaceful gates of heavenly bliss
  Are open'd by the Son;
High let us raise our notes of praise,
  And reach th' Almighty's throne.

To thee ten thousand thanks we bring,
  Great Advocate on high;
And glory to th' eternal King,
  That lays his anger by.

PRAYER

For Monday Morning.

[oly, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
u art of purer eyes than to behold
'nity, neither can sin dwell with thee.
uilty sinners we deserve to be called

to a throne of judgment; but, thro
the Son of thy love, thou art proclaim
a throne of grace! a mercy seat!
come to touch thy golden sceptre
live!

Lord, though we are unworthy, we co
because thou hast found a ransom,
atonement for our guilt!—because t
hast pointed us to thy beloved Son,
said, "Behold the Lamb of God, wh
taketh away the sin of the world." H
great is thy grace, that we who have er
and strayed from thy ways like lost she
who have forsaken thee, the fountain
living waters, and hewed out cister
broken cisterns that can hold no wat
that such rebellious and backsliding child
should be invited to return to a Fath
house, to be received not merely
pardoned criminals, but as sons and dau
ters of the Lord Almighty.

Lord of all power and grace, trusting
thine almighty strength, thine infi
goodness, and thy gracious promises,
come to ask of thee the blessings wh
thou knowest that we need, and to obt
grace sufficient for us. Let thy good S
rit help our infirmities, and strengthen
to fight the good fight of faith; to str
against the sins that most easily beset

lindness of heart, from pride,
and hypocrisy; from envy,
l malice, and all uncharitable-
all the deceits of the world, the
the devil; from hardness of
contempt of thy word and com-
, graciously, O Lord, deliver us.
of our tribulation; in all time
th; in the hour of death, and in
judgment, good Lord deliver us.
se thee to give us a heart to love
e, and diligently to live after thy
ents: to bless and keep all thy
give unto them increase of
ar meekly thy word, to receive
e affection, and to bring forth
f the Spirit. Strengthen such
l; comfort and help the weak-

all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may amend our lives according to thy holy word. We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy name, turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant that, in all our troubles, we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness to thy glory, through our only Advocate and Mediator Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

For Monday Evening.

Not to condemn the sons of men
  Did Christ, the Son of God appear;
No weapons in his hands are seen,
  No flaming sword, nor thunder there.

Such was the pity of our God,
  He lov'd the race of men so well,
He sent his Son to bear our load,
  And save our guilty souls from hell.

Sinners, believe the Saviour's word,
  Trust in his mighty name and live;
A thousand joys his lips afford,
  His hands a thousand blessings give.

PRAYER

For Monday Evening.

. our maker and preserver, who
our being at first, and hast up-
o this moment; we bless thee,
ı didst create us in thine own
nd endow us with a reasonable
; we might glorify thee and enjoy
:ver. But we confess with shame
rition, that we have not done
have loved other things more
ɜ; we have feared other things
.n offending thee; and this very
erciful Redeemer, too often have
:ten thee, the author of all our
, and the fountain of all our com-
ut thou, O Lord, have mercy upon
able offenders.
ınk thee, O Lord, that there is a
at, to which we are invited to
ıt we may obtain a pardon for the
grace for the future. O let us
as the hypocrites do, repeating
ir lips what they do not feel in
rts; lest our very prayers should
t day rise up in judgment against

us and condemn us: but may we re
feel an earnest desire for thy pardon
mercy and sanctifying grace. Our n
secret thoughts are open to thee, as v
as our words and actions. Help us,
beseech thee, seriously to examine o
selves this night. May our sins be brou
to remembrance; and may we not su
them to escape from our minds, till
have a good hope that they are forgi
for Christ's sake. Let us not com
ourselves to rest with either a guilty c
science, or a careless heart. But may
lie down trusting in the merits of
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and lo
ing to him for the salvation of our l
souls.

Suffer us not, O Lord, to suppose t
by merely bending our knees in pray
we render unto thee an acceptable servi
May we feel that prayer is designed to br
our souls near to thee, to make us l
thee; that we ask in order to receive, a
seek that we may find. O Lord, bestow
on us the spirit of prayer; that we n
pour out our very hearts before thee,
our heavenly Father through Jesus Chr
As thou hast taught us to meet togeth
and in our imperfect manner to offer
our supplications and praises day by d

nt, we intreat thee, that we may become
·e spiritual, more acquainted with thy
sed gospel; that we may love thy ways
ordinances with increasing delight,
: sin with a more perfect hatred, and
ɔme more and more fit for thine eternal
gdom. O make us love to pray unto
: and to praise thy name! Angels love
ing thy praise; thy servants on earth
ght to worship thee; O may we be
ıbered among them both here, and in
·y everlasting! Amen

MEDITATION

For Tuesday Morning.

THE FLESH AND SPIRIT.

O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver
from the body of this death? I thank God
ugh Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with
mind I myself serve the law of God: but with
flesh the law of sin." Rom. vii. 24, 25.

'he remainder of indwelling sin is a griev-
burden to the degenerate soul. All that
born again, truly delight in the law of
l. To its authority they most cheerfully
nit; and in that submission they enjoy
ly complacency. They delight no

only in the promises, but also in the precepts and prohibitions of the Word. Of these gracious delights the soul is the seat and residence: they are, therefore, sincere and serious. The new man is called the inner man, the hidden man of the heart. The corrupt nature, however, the unregenerate part, is continually working towards sin, and engages the soul in a perpetual warfare. Foiled in the contest the heart faints and seems ready to perish. Nevertheless, there is yet comfort from the covenant of grace, which accepts the willingness of the spirit, and has provided pardon for the weaknesses of the flesh, rest for the weary, and strength against prevailing iniquities.

There is an all-sufficient friend, even Christ Jesus. He is the mediator of all our prayers and all our praises: and, through him, God pities, and spares, and pardons, and lays not our sins to our charge. Yea, more; Christ has purchased for us all the graces of the new covenant, and in due time deliverance, even an everlasting holiness. Blessed be God, who giveth us the victory through Christ our Lord.

HYMN

For Tuesday Morning.

ɔrd God! I love thy truth,
lare thy least commandments slight;
.nk before thy just reproof,
own the condemnation right.

ɔugh the poison lurks within,
; bids me still with patience wait,
ıth shall set me free from sin,
from the only thing I hate.

ı throne above the rest,
re angels and archangels dwell;
ı unslain within my breast,
ld make that heaven as dark as hell.

ı! no foe invades the bliss,
ı glory crowns the Christian's head:
ght of Jesus as He is,
l strike all sin for ever dead.

PRAYER

For Tuesday Morning.

st holy and merciful Father, with
ıl, humble, and penitent hearts, we
selves down before thee, confess-
we have sinned against heave

and in thy sight, and are no more v
to be called thy children. We rem
with contrition of soul, how many c
tions thou hast laid upon us to lov
serve thee; how often have we ac
ledged the wisdom and goodness
commands, and promised and vow
conform ourselves to them. Yet,
and again, has the slightest temp
drawn us aside from thy way. But
would we return unto thee, saying
away from us all iniquity, receive u
ciously, and love us freely: withdra
the sweet influences of thy Holy
from thy unworthy servants, who e
confide in thy mercy; hide not th
from us; put not thy servants away
ger. Hast thou not promised to give
to the faint, and to increase the st
of them that have no might? We
not only pardon of our sins, but a
power to enable us to subdue them
that our repentance may be such a
not need to be repented of. We des
peace, O Lord, but in keeping th
O strengthen us, we beseech thee, i
holy disposition; that we may be k
thy favour and love, by a happy agre
with thy will and pleasure in all t
Sanctify our understanding, that w

y our will, that it may cheerfully
e, and entirely consent to thine in
igs; and sanctify all our affections,
e may love thee with all our heart,
ul and strength, and delight in thee
han in all the pleasures of this life.
y our passions, that we may be
at nothing so much as having dis-
l thee. Sanctify us throughout in
as well as in spirit, that we may
; it in holiness and honour; and
l our senses administer occasion to
nds to remember thee, to praise thee,
bless thee. Fortify our wills with
wer of thy divine love, that we may
me all sensual affections; and possess
such a lively hope of those good

enable us to cleave unto thee with full purpose of heart. "O cast us not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Create in us clean hearts, and renew right spirits within us. Make our hearts sound in thy statutes, that we may never be ashamed. Keep back thy servants also from presumptuous sins, let them not have dominion over us; let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength, and our Redeemer." Amen.

HYMN

For Tuesday Evening.

Dread Sovereign! let my evening song
  Like holy incense rise;
Assist the offerings of my tongue
  To reach the lofty skies.

Through all the dangers of the day
  Thy hand was still my guard;
And still to drive my wants away,
  Thy mercy stood prepar'd.

Perpetual blessings from above
  Encompass me around;
But Oh! how few returns of love
  Hath my Creator found.

What have I done for him that died
  To save my wretched soul;
How are my follies multiply'd
  Fast as my minutes roll!

Lord, with this guilty heart of mine
  To thy dear cross I flee;
And to thy grace my soul resign,
  To be renew'd by thee.

Thus with my thoughts compos'd to peace,
  I give my eyes to sleep;
Thy hand in safety keeps my days,
  And will my slumbers keep.

PRAYER

For Tuesday Evening.

Father of mercies, the fountain of all
ood things we enjoy at present, and
hope of our souls for ever and ever!
n would we return unto thee, blessing,
glory, and honour, and praise, for all
goodness towards us. Blessed be thy
e for thy renewed kindness to us,
ughout the day past, in our spiritual
emporal concerns; and for the liberty
now grantest us of drawing near unto

thee. Pardon, O Lord, whatsoever
hast seen in us in thought, word, and
contrary to thy holy law; and gra
an earnest desire to approve ourselv
thee in all well-doing. It is but jus
reasonable that we should follow thy
and not our own; and, in a grateful
of our obligations to thee, we oug
employ all our powers of soul and bo
thy glory. And such is the goo
of thy will, that to be absolutel
and governed by it, is our highest h
ness, and our most reasonable se
Make us most deeply sensible, O
how greatly we are indebted to thee
for teaching us by Christ Jesus, and
strongly obliging us to exercise ours
in all godliness, purity, righteous
humility, goodness, and truth. We t
thee for the holy example he has
descended to set us; for the hope
hast given us by his blood; for the
cious aids of thy Spirit to enable
imitate and obey him; and for the exc
ing great and precious promises of
here, and eternal glory hereafter, w
he has given us, to encourage us to
low him willingly and cheerfully even
death. O that we may have a lively
steadfast faith in his word, contin

citing us to unwearied diligence, zeal,
d love, and patient continuance in well
ing : that so our hope in thee may grow
d increase ; and that so we may joyfully
pect the hour which shall translate us
thy blissful presence.

To thy care, O heavenly Father, we
nmit ourselves, and all that we are
d have, this night; beseeching thee to
end and keep us, both in soul and body,
m all the evils and dangers to which
weakness of our frame, and the great-
s of our sins expose us. May we be
reshed by comfortable rest; and rise
in to serve thee better, according to
will, in all the duties of the following
. Shouldest thou be pleased to give us
her day of trial, may we be enabled
dd repentance and amendment to our
: and may every day bring us nearer
ose everlasting joys and glories which
hast prepared for those that love
We ask all in the name of our dear
mer, to whom with thyself O Father,
e Holy Spirit, be ascribed everlast-
aise. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Wednesday Morning.

The Prodigal Son.

"And Jesus said, a certain man had twc
And the younger of them said to his
Father, give me the portion of goods tha
to me. And he divided unto them his
And not many days after, the younger
thered all together, and took his journe
far country, and there wasted his substan
riotous living. And when he had spent al
arose a mighty famine in that land; and
gan to be in want. And he went and
himself to a citizen of that country; and
him into his fields to feed swine. And h
fain have filled his belly with the husks
swine did eat: and no man gave unt
And when he came to himself, he sai
many hired servants of my father's hav
enough and to spare, and I perish with h
I will arise and go to my father, and
unto him, Father, I have sinned against
and before thee, and am no more worth
called thy son: make me as one of thy hi

called thy son. But the father said to his s
rants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it
him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes
his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, an
kill it; and let us eat and be merry: For thi
my son was dead and is alive again; he wa
ost, and is found." Luke xv. 11—24.

Such were we! and such is our heavenly
ther! Thus is the sinner enriched by
bounty, and ungrateful for his love!
d such he remains till a Father's rod
ngs him to himself; till divine grace
ects his heart with penitential sorrow
l filial love: then, and not till then, he
s, "I will arise and go to my Father."
ut Oh! let us behold with wonder and
itude, the gracious reception he meets
from injured goodness, from Divine
!

e father sees him afar off: runs to
and embrace him; interrupts his
laints and confessions, his sorrows
is fears, saying, "Bring forth the
obe and put it on him; and put a
n his hand, and shoes on his feet;
ing hither the fatted calf, and kill
d let us *eat and be merry*."
does our heavenly Father welcome
ble penitent! Thus does he open

the arms of his love to embrace him, and the treasures of his bounty to enrich him. He arrays him with the robe of a Saviour's righteousness; dresses him in the ornaments of sanctifying grace; honours him with the tokens of adopting love, and invests him with the immunities of his children: and all this he does with unutterable delight! He rejoices over him with singing; and this is the joyful language of the song, "This my son was dead, and is alive again: he was lost, and is found!"

HYMN

For Wednesday Morning.

Heavenly Father!—to this name,
May we humbly lay our claim?
Worms on earth, and thou above!
May we dare to ask thy love?

Yes! from far, thy love can see
Our first wish to come to thee;
Ere we ask, thine ear can hear,
Bid the trembling feet draw near.

Love can lay its anger by,
Love can bid the tear be dry;
Love can spread its arms around,
Love can say "my son is found."

le we seek the meanest place,
he footstool of thy grace;
le we heave the humble sigh;
us, "Abba, Father," cry.

ngers now no more to roam,
ur Father's house at home
s and daughters may we be,
with Jesus!—one with thee!

PRAYER

For Wednesday Morning.

Father which art in heaven, we ove thee as the author of our being, Father of spirits; but thou art arer to us as the God and Father of rd Jesus Christ, by whom thou art ing sinners unto thyself, calling ut of darkness into marvellous light, eating anew thine image in their Thou art adopting them into thy and making them heirs of God, and eirs with Christ! "Behold what of love is this, that we should be the sons of God" and provided for children! O let this name of Father, ir relation *to thee*, be our glory, *uge, our support*, and the principle *ove and obedience*. Give us the

faith and humble confidence in prayer, by the spirit of grace and supplication, that we may approach thee in all our necessities, as children to a father, more ready to give, than we are to ask; and may we come with boldness to a throne of grace, to obtain mercy, and grace to help in every time of need. O! let the Spirit of thy Son breathe continually in our hearts, teaching us to cry, "Abba, Father." We would seek this Holy Spirit with more earnestness than our daily food: and we know that thou art more ready to grant it, than an earthly parent is to grant bread to his children. Guilty, weak, and helpless as we are, it is our comfort, that thou, our heavenly Father, knowest all our wants, and wilt supply them, not according to our necessities, but according to thy riches in glory, by Christ Jesus. Like a tender Father, thou art ready to notice the earliest desire of our souls after thee—the feeblest step toward thee. It is thine own gracious promise, "Before they ask, I will answer; while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Into thine ear would we pour all our sorrows, and having cast our burdens upon thee, would go away, and be no more sad. And let us not only mourn, but rejoice before thee. Lift up upon us the

f thy reconciled countenance; let owed sin separate between us and od; hide not thy face from us; put y children away in anger; leave us neither forsake us, O God of our tion. O that it may ever be the joy r hearts to be righteous, as thou art teous; to be merciful, as thou, our venly Father, art merciful; as thou art y, so may we be holy in all manner of versation. And let the relation we r to thee as thy children, fill us with e and kindness toward all our brethren mankind. Let all those whom thou lt own for thy children, most gracious ther, be united in holy bands of love; aring one another's burdens, and joing together to advance the honour of y name, and to show forth thy praise; d at last may we make up one great mily, which no man can number, and ite in ascribing "Glory and praise, to im who sitteth upon the throne, and to e Lamb for ever." And since thou, our ther, dwellest in heaven, may our affecons be raised above earthly things; that e may seek heaven as our country, where e hope to possess *those* mansions which esus, *our elder brother,* has prepared for *in our Father's* house. There may we

be together with his Father, and our Father, with his God, and our God! Amen.

HYMN

For Wednesday Evening.

My Shepherd is the living God;
  Now shall my wants be well supply'd;
His providence and holy word
  Become my safety and my guide.

In pastures where salvation grows,
  He makes me feed, he makes me rest;
There living water gently flows,
  And all the food's divinely blest.

My wand'ring feet his ways mistake,
  But he restores my soul to peace;
And leads me, for his mercy's sake,
  In pleasant paths of righteousness.

Tho' call'd to tread the gloomy vale,
  Where death and all its terrors are;
My heart and hope shall never fail,
  For Jesus will be with me there.

PRAYER

For Wednesday Evening.

nighty and most merciful Father!
ave erred and strayed from thy ways
lost sheep, and desire to draw nigh
thee, confessing with shame and sor-
that we have followed too much the
es and desires of our own hearts: we
offended against thy holy laws: we
left undone those things which we
t to have done, and we have done
things which we ought not to have
Lord have mercy upon us miser-
sinners; and save us through faith in
lood of thy beloved Son. O draw us
yself with cords of love. We know
hou dost not desire the death of a
r, but wouldest rather that he should
nverted and live. Turn us, and we
be turned; for thou art the Lord our
admit us again into thy family;
gh we are unworthy to be called thy
ren; our sins and our iniquities re-
ber no more.
ou hast made *known* thyself to us as
d ready to pardon, and not willing
ny should perish, but that all shoul

come to repentance!—As having given thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should have everlasting life! O Lord, we believe, help thou our unbelief! Enable us to rely more simply and entirely on Jesus as exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance and remission of sins.

Forgive, O Lord, we beseech thee, whatever has been sinful in our conduct, conversation, and temper through the day past; and graciously accept and bless us this night.

Spare us, O Lord, if it be thy holy will, to another day; and mercifully preserve both our souls and bodies from every evil. Grant that, in the morning, we may awake in health, and with increased vigour, thankfully disposed to praise and serve thee. And O! that the close of every future day which thou shalt vouchsafe to afford us, may find us more disengaged from the present world, and desirous after a better! May we die daily to the pleasures, the riches, and honours of this life! May we glorify thee on earth, finish the work thou hast given us to do; and, at length, in thine own due time, be received unto thyself, to behold thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ith regard to the time and cir-
es of our departure hence, we
mbly pray, in submission to thy
Lord, that it may be when we
best prepared, and in the most
heavenly state of mind, when we
entirely resigned to thee, when
have clear acts of faith in God by
rist, high and reverential thoughts
in our minds, and enlarged affec-
wards thee! And, at that awful
when called to enter the conflict
king of terrors, grant us, we be-
ee, O Lord, thy protection and
presence; that we may be deli-
om all consternation, all doubt
ertainty as to our everlasting
nd, that at length, we may depart
ell-grounded assurance, that when
be absent from the body, we shall
nt with the Lord. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Thursday Morning.

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

the living bread which came down from
any man eat of this bread he shall live

for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.' John vi. 51.

It is evident, that by the flesh and blood of the Son of Man, repeatedly mentioned in this chapter, we are to understand the Redeemer incarnate and dying: it is Christ and him crucified, and redemption wrought out by him, with all the precious benefits of pardon, acceptance with God, the adoption of sons, access to a throne of grace, the promises of the covenant, and eternal life. These are called the flesh and the blood of Christ; because they are purchased by the breaking of his body, and the shedding of his blood. The eating and drinking of this spiritual food begins with hungering and thirsting after Christ, with earnest and importunate desires after him; an unwillingness to take up with any thing short of an interest in him; and an application of his sufferings and merits to ourselves; a delight in Jesus, and salvation by him; and a dependance upon him for the support and comfort of our spiritual life, and the increase of its strength and vigour. It is a fatal sign that we have no spiritual life in us, if we have no desire towards Christ, nor delight in him. If we

ul doth not hunger and thirst, it cer-
inly doth not live. Faith in Christ is
e first living principle of grace: by faith
e have a close and intimate union with
irist; he is in us, and we in him. Whoso
teth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, as
t forth in the Gospel to be the food of
uls, he hath eternal life; he hath it now;
has the foretaste of it, and the hope of
and the assurance of it: "because I
'e ye shall live also!" Amen.

HYMN

For Thursday Morning.

O happy Christian! who can boast
The Son of God is mine;
Happy, though humble in the dust;
Rich in this gift divine.

He lives the life of heav'n below;
And shall for ever live;
This heavenly bread shall life bestow,
And endless vigour give.

That life we ask with bended knees;
Nor will the Lord deny:
Celestial mercy will not see
Its humble suppliants die.

That life Thou gav'st for praise alone;
O grant continued breath;
Taught by experience may we own
That praise can live in death.

PRAYER

For Thursday Morning.

To know more of Christ.

O thou Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and God of all glory, who hast so loved the world, as to give thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life: we beseech thee to have mercy upon us, miserable sinners. Prepare our hearts to seek thee, and answer us according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. We mourn over our ingratitude, and the hardness and impenitency of our hearts; but, above all, we bewail our unbelief of the blessed record thou hast given us of thy beloved Son.

Though we have read of his glory, how little does it affect us! though he has a name which is above every name, in heaven or earth, how little do we love him

all that he has done and suffered on
behalf! Have compassion upon us, O
d, and help us. Give us according to
ıe own most gracious promise, the
:it of truth to open our understanding,
; we may understand the things which
Scriptures reveal concerning thy Son
ıs Christ our Lord. O give us the
it of wisdom and revelation in the
wledge of him: of his person and offices;
ıis love and power towards all that
r his voice and follow him; that so we
r abound in clear, enlarged, and en-
:ing thoughts of him: that he may be
:ious to us, as he was to the glorious
ıpany of the Apostles, and the noble
y of martyrs. Thou, O God, hast de-
ed, that thy Son shall be exalted and
ılled, and shall be very high: help us,
earnestly pray thee, to give him more
more perfectly the honour due unto his
ıe. Enable us to comprehend with all
ts the immeasurable extent of his
:, in its breadth and length, its height
depth.
rant, O Lord, that the Saviour's love
ıs may be the pattern of ours to all that
round about us: may we make him
pattern as he is our hope. May we
on the Lord Jesus Christ; and be

clothed in all the graces which sh
conspicuously in him.

May nothing be so dear to us i
world, as to be partakers of his ho
his humility, his goodness and chari
meekness, patience, and resignatio
entire trust in thee, and delight to
will of his heavenly Father. Fi
minds and affections more steadfas
the glory wherewith he is crowned,
obedient suffering even unto death
we may never be weary nor faint
minds; but continuing faithful unto
may receive the crown of life. We
mit to thee this day both our sou
bodies; beseeching thee to increa
love to thee, and to all men, till we
to be translated to the regions of lo
joy; where the harmony of praise
never be interrupted by sins, or gri
fears, or discord; but shall be ev
ingly perfect to our joy and to thy
These blessings we humbly ask, th
our glorified Mediator and Red
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

For Thursday Evening.

Jesus! I love thy charming name:
'Tis music to my ear:
Fain would I sound it out so loud,
That earth and heav'n should hear.

Yes, thou art precious to my soul;
My transport, and my trust:
Jewels to thee are gaudy toys,
And gold is sordid dust.

All my capacious powers can wish,
In thee doth richly meet:
Nor to mine eyes is light so dear,
Nor friendship half so sweet.

Thy grace still dwells upon my heart,
And sheds its fragrance there;
The noblest balm of all its wounds,
The cordial of its care.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

For Thursday Evening.

O most High and Holy One, who inhabest eternity, and art God over all, blessed for evermore! happy are they who stand

continually in thy presence, always a
ing, loving, and obeying thee; and rej
in thy love and favour. Thou art w
O Lord, to receive from us, and fro
whole creation, blessing, and honou
glory, and power; for thou art great
greatly to be praised. All the ho
heaven continually praise thee; a
ought the universal church on earth,
ing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almi
which was, and is, and is to come!"

Praised be thy sovereign goodness,
spreads itself over all thy works!
Lord how manifold are they:" "
openest thine hand, and fillest all t
living with plenteousness." Throug
mercy, O Lord, we can, from our ow
perience, bear abundant testimony t
goodness. O how pleasant and won
is it to recount all the instances o
patience with us, and thy bounty t
In the day of trouble thou hast bee
defence and our refuge. In our di
we have cried unto thee, and thou
enlarged us. Blessed be God, who
not cast away our prayer, nor his m
from us. When our feet have slipped
mercy, O Lord, held us up. But
cially would we adore, O Lord, the bre
and length, and depth, and height

thou hast provided, that we might
l to the knowledge of thy great love.
glorify thee, O Heavenly Father, if
who didst command the light to shine
f darkness, hast " shined into our
s to give us the knowledge of the
of God in the face of Jesus Christ."
be to thee, O God, for the gracious
tions of thy Holy Spirit, enlightening
inds, drawing our will towards thee,
ng in us holy desires, and forming
purposes and resolutions in our
s. How often hast thou spared us
we deserved thine anger! From
many assaults of the enemy have we
guarded! And how many of his
ns have been defeated by an invisible
indeserved goodness! O how great
our joy to be in thy love, and in thy

and happiness, than to live to the praise a glory of thy grace in Christ Jesus; wall ing worthy of him who hath called us thy kingdom and glory.

MEDITATION

For Friday Morning.

THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS.

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jord unto John, to be baptized of him.

"But John forbad him, saying, I have need be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

"And Jesus answering said unto him, suffer to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfil righteousness. Then he suffered him.

"And Jesus when he was baptized, went straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heave were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit God descending like a dove and lighting up him.

"And, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, this my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt. iii. 13—17.

Thus it becometh us to fulfil all righte ousness: thus it becomes the penitent sin ner to put off the old man and to put o

; to die unto sin, and to rise unto
; of life. Thus it becomes us to
ıe body, in token of the purity of
without which none shall see God.
t became him who condescended to
leader, pattern, and guide of his
:, to leave them an example; to
them the purity and holiness re-
d in the gospel kingdom.

e blessed Jesus was our example;
nly as to the outward and visible sign,
also as to the inward and spiritual
e. While looking up and praying,
vas preparing for his glorious offices;
making ready that heavenly kingdom
ch was now to be founded; preparing
e King of Sion! King of saints! He was
paring that great sacrifice which was
tone for the sins of the world; per-
ing himself through suffering, that he
ht bring many sons to glory! While
; looking up and offering himself up
this great work, behold the heavens
e opened unto him, and the Father
l abroad the light of his countenance;
divine Spirit was poured forth without
sure upon him, as a spirit of might, and
power, and of adoption. And, lo! a
e from heaven, saying, "Thou art m
ved Son, in whom I am well please

As such, blessed Jesus, may our so receive Thee, full of grace and truth; a we earnestly pray, that something of t holy unction may descend from Thee up our souls; may thy enlivening Spirit kin its sacred flame there, with such vigo that many waters may not be able quench it, nor floods of temptation ov whelm us.

HYMN

For Friday Morning.

My dear Redeemer and my Lord,
I read my duty in thy word,
But in thy life the law appears
Drawn out in living characters.

Such was thy truth, and such thy zeal,
Such deference to thy Father's will,
Such love, and meekness so divine,
I would transcribe and make them mine.

Cold mountains, and the midnight air,
Witness'd the fervour of thy prayer;
The desert thy temptation knew,
Thy conflict and thy vict'ry too.

Be thou my pattern; make me bear
More of thy gracious image here:
Then God the judge shall own my name
Amongst the followers of the Lamb.

PRAYER

For Friday Morning.

O most holy and blessed Lord, thine we e, and thee we ought to serve: thou st made us, and not we ourselves: we e, therefore, not our own; but bound to rve thee with our bodies and spirits ıich are thine. The obligations of thy v, and the endearments of thy love, ren- r it our indispensable duty to be faithful the covenant of our God, and to abound the work of the Lord. May thy al- ghty Spirit so write the law of holiness on our minds, that we may delight in it :er the inward man; that it may be our :at and drink to do thy will, our highest :asure to go about doing good. Teach the value of time, and enable us to prove it to the best advantage, in such ties as thou hast assigned us; may we t be slothful in business; but fervent in irit, serving the Lord. To thy glory, O ırd, may the labours of life be pursued; d to thy glory may the refreshments of be sought and enjoyed: whether we t or drink, or whatsoever we do, may do all to thy glory. May our eyes

ever be watchful to observe the desce
mercies from Thee: and may a gr
sense of thy hand, and thy love manif
in them, add a savour and value to the
While in this world of trial, may we a
tom ourselves to expect afflictions
when they come, may we be reconcil
them, by remembering that they come
Thee; and by firmly believing, that
the same love appoints our daily cr
which gives us our daily bread. M
learn to take them up, and follo
blessed Lord with a temper like that
he manifested when ascending C
for our sakes. Like him may we s
every circumstance of trial, The cup
my heavenly Father hath given me,
I not drink it? Keep us, O Lord, w
thee, amidst the temptations to whi
are daily exposed: make us sensi
our own weakness, that our hearts r
perpetually raised to Thee for needf
plies of strength. When in society
we watch the door of our lips, th
speak not unadvisedly. O enable

Like our blessed Master may we
retire to pray; and do Thou, our
nly Father, meet us, and strengthen
h all might by thy Spirit in the in-
an: may we enjoy the pleasure of
esence, and feel its animating power
ning our souls to an earnest desire
low Jesus; and, in our imperfect
re, to fulfil all righteousness! Thus
his day, and all our days be spent.
) Lord, dispose us seriously to re-
he actions of every day, and judge
ves, as we expect to be judged at
y Thee, who searchest all hearts;
hen our Lord shall come, we may
at joyful sentence, "Come ye blessed
Father, inherit the kingdom pre-
for you from the foundation of the
" Grant this, we beseech thee, O
ul Father, through Jesus Christ,
ediator and Redeemer. Amen.

HYMN

For Friday Evening.

sus mine advocate above,
Let me not *hear* of thee alone;
t make the wonders of thy love
By sweet experience deeply *known*.

On this my faith would fix her eye,
My lips would taste thy heavenly grace,
Then should I raise thine honour high,
And teach a thousand tongues thy praise.

The sacred flame from heart to heart,
Should with a rapid progress run;
Till each in God should bear a part,
In sweet communion with his Son.

PRAYER

For Friday Evening.

How excellent is thy mercy, O God! and what encouragement hast thou given us to put our trust under the shadow of thy wings!—Thou art the bountiful giver of the good that our souls desire, and the merciful withholder of the evil that our sins deserve. From Thee comes all our help; and in Thee may we repose all our hope. We acknowledge thy great and daily goodness to us; and our own absolute unworthiness of the least of all thy mercies. We desire to take shame and confusion to ourselves, that we have so little improved, and so greatly abused, thy patience with us, and *the various* instances of thy bounty towards *us. Thy* very mercies help to aggravate

ıcious favour in Jesus Christ for the
of them. Being justified by faith,
e have peace with God, through
Christ our Lord. And, as we pray,
ou wilt be to us a Father of mer-
ıd a God of consolation; so also
ıou wouldest make us followers of
ıs dear children. Work in us by
ly Spirit that which is well-pleas-
thy sight. Lord, thou knowest
eakness, and the temptations to
we are exposed; our danger from
emy of souls, and from the present
which is full of snares; and, above
ın the enemy within, a heart de-
above all things, and desperately
, ever apt to betray us into sin.
ıy, therefore, that thou wilt arm us
ıe whole armour of God, and uphold

give us hearts more sensible of thy
love to us, more inflamed with lo
thee, and more thankful for the ble
which thou art pleased to multiply
us. And cause us to shew forth thy p
not only by speaking good of thy
but by ordering our conversation a
comes the gospel of Christ. To thy
do we humbly commend ourselve
ours this night; beseeching thee to
us with thy salvation, and to prese
in soul and body from all evils and
gers, to which the weakness of our f
and the greatness of our sins expo
May our repose be safe and refre
that we may rise better fitted to serv
according to thy will. And as thou a
days and mercies, add repentance
amendment to our days; that, in pr
tion as we draw nearer to the grav
souls may grow fitter for heaven.
which we hope only through the med
and intercession of Jesus Christ our
who is the same yesterday, and to
and for ever. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Saturday Morning.

e of good cheer; I have overcome the world."
John xvi. 33.

Temptations are fiery darts, thorns in
: flesh, buffetings, fightings, combats,
·dships, and sufferings. Christ submitted
them, because he would humble him-
f to be made in all things like unto his
:thren.

There is no conquest without a combat.
rist submitted to be tempted, that he
ght overcome the tempter. Satan tempt-
the first Adam, and triumphed over
: but he was not to triumph *always.*
second Adam vanquished him, and
:aptivity captive. Let saints remem-
that though their enemy is subtle, yet
not invincible: though he is a strong
armed, yet the *Captain* of our salva-
s stronger than he. Our great High
knows by *experience* what it is to be
ed; and is, therefore, more tenderly
·d with the feeling of our infirmities.
is still more animating to bear in
hat, as Christ when he conquered
nquering for *us;* not only is the
with whom we grapple a con-

quered, baffled, disarmed enemy; but th
we are interested in Christ's victory ov
him; and, through him, are more th
conquerors.

Christ repelled all the temptations
Satan with, "It is written." The word
God is the sword of the Spirit; the o
offensive weapon in the Christian armo
It is mighty, through God; there is no
like *that* in our spiritual conflicts. T
great aim of Satan is, to tempt the ch
dren of God to throw off their relation
God as their Father; and, by this mea
to cut off their dependance on him, th
duty to him, and their communion wi
him: to persuade them that outwa
afflictions, wants, and burdens, are reaso
for questioning their sonship: as if affl
tions could not consist *with* fatherly lov
while this is really the source from when
they proceed.

Christ would not command the sto
to be made bread, because he would n
do any thing that looked like distrusti
his heavenly Father. Those know how
answer Satan's temptations, who with h
Job can say, though "he slay me, y
will I trust in him."

"*Behold,* angels came and minister
unto him!" Behold, and rejoice, christi

at, though there is a world of wicked, alicious spirits, that fight against Christ d his church; yet, so also, is there a orld of holy and blessed spirits engaged d employed to succour and defend them. hrist's victories are the triumphs of an-ls. They come to rejoice with him, and give him the glory due unto his name. hus was Christ signalized, and made eat in the invisible world, by the voice the Father, the descent of the Spirit, s victory over devils, and his dominion er angels; thus was he qualified to pear in the invisible world, as the ediator between God and man; and thus he become the Captain of our salvation.

HYMN

For Saturday Morning.

For ever blessed be the Lord,
My Saviour and my shield:
He sends his Spirit with his word
To arm me for the field.

When sin and hell their force unite
He makes my soul his care;
Instructs me in the heavenly fight,
And guards me through the war.

A friend and helper so divine
  Doth my weak courage raise;
He makes the glorious victory mine,
  And his shall be the praise.

PRAYER

For Saturday Morning.

O God of all grace, and giver of eve good and perfect gift, we humbly besee thee to pour upon us this morning t spirit of grace and supplication; may hearts, as well as our lips, be engaged worshipping, praising, and adoring T the Lord of our life, the source of mercies, and the God of our salvatic Christ Jesus. As the light of the mo has chased away the darkness of the so, do thou, O Sun of righteousness, upon our souls, and dispel the darkn ignorance and unbelief from our r and enable us to walk as the child the light, and of the day. Thou ha cifully said, "He that followeth m not walk in darkness, but shall h light of life." Draw us and we s after thee. The power is thine, O it upon us, that we may live acco

nd enjoy thy presence, peace,
n whatsoever work we shall
engage this day, may we serve
aim at thy glory in all things,
ng contrary to thy holy will.
s Lord, leave us not to our-
is not in man that walketh to
ps: let us not follow our own
t, nor lean to our own under-
it clothe us with humility;
lous and watchful over our-
dependent on thee alone to
n all the evil that surrounds
all that dwells within us. It
served privilege to bear the
me. O convince us of the
sting satisfied with the name,
eriencing the inward life and
e Spirit of Christ upon our
thy word assures us, that if
the spirit of Christ, we are
. May we more and more
lowliness of mind, that tender
ionate charity, that meekness,
d forgiveness, which shone in
rings; and subdue our will
and ready submission to thy
all things. Fulfil in us, O
recious promises, saying "I
them, and walk in them;" "I

will be unto them a God, and they sh
unto me a people;" "They shall all l
me, from the least unto the great
"for they shall all be taught of G
May our souls hunger and thirst
the sweet experience of these blessin

Constrained by thy mercies, O
may we present ourselves living sacri
holy, acceptable unto thee, through
great High Priest, who ever liveth to
intercession for us; and in whom
desire to be found, now, and for
Amen.

HYMN

For Saturday Evening.

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,
And press with vigour on;
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.

A cloud of witnesses around,
Hold thee in full survey;
Forget the steps already trod,
And onward urge thy way.

t Saviour! introduc'd by thee,
ave I my race begun;
, crown'd with vict'ry at thy feet,
ll lay mine honours down.

PRAYER

For Saturday Evening.

d, the creator of all mankind, who
ot only rest on the seventh day
. thy labours and pronounce them
out also didst in mercy set apart
r in seven, that we thy creatures
vait on thee without distraction;
eech thee to impress upon our
that the morrow is the sabbath of
d our God. May we rest from our
rks, and from all worldly thoughts
es; and may our hearts be entirely
l in thy worship and service: may
n the Spirit on the Lord's day; and
s holy influences abide with us
ve return to the duties of life
hou hast appointed. O prepare us
ng to the purification of the sanct-
ith a serious, reverent, and spirit-
nd; may we hunger for the bread
and thirst after the living waters

of thy grace: looking to the light c
countenance for joy and gladness.

If any of us are among the wear
heavy laden, may we find rest unt
souls in the living pastures of thy s
uary. Is our burden a heart of unb
May the Saviour say unto us by his S
wherefore dost thou doubt? If sin
burden of our souls, may we be enab
leave it by faith at the foot of the
We thank thee that we are invit
come to a throne of grace, that w
obtain mercy to pardon, and grace t
in time of need.

O pour upon us the spirit of grac
of supplication: and suffer not th
proaching Sabbath to be spent as,
too many of those which are past
been. Help us to look forward with
sure to those precious means of
which it may afford: and though w
utterly unworthy to tread thy cour
to join thy people in the blessed exe
of prayer and praise, O feed our soul
the bread of life, and clothe us wit
garments of salvation!

We are now one week nearer t
latter end: put us in remembran
Lord, that days and weeks, as they pa
bring us nearer to death and judg

y each of us remember, that in the midst
ife we are in death; that the approach-
sabbath may be our last. We deserve
to be favoured with another sabbath;
deserve not to have our day of grace
gthened: but spare us, good Lord:
l if our ears have been hitherto shut
inst the sound of thy gospel, may we
r and live; may the eyes that have
n closed against the light of the gospel
opened; and the hearts blinded and
dened by sin be made by thy grace to
and feel: may the lukewarm be
ckened, and all who are planted in the
se of the Lord flourish in the courts of
God! May their faith, and love, and
, and joy increase; and prepare them
and more for the bliss and praise of
en; where the Lamb which is in the
t of the throne shall feed them, and
hem unto living fountains of water.
unto him that is able to keep us from
, and to present us faultless before
esence of his glory with exceeding
o the only wise God, our Saviour,
ry and majesty, dominion and
now and for ever. Amen.

SECOND WEEK.

MEDITATION

For the Lord's Day Morning

THE LAMB OF GOD.

"Behold the Lamb of God, who taketl
sins of the world." John i. 29

The Lamb slain from the foun
the world: the Lamb signified b
sacrifices of the law: the Lamb
by the Father, in whom he is well
in whom justice is satisfied, an
granted.

May our eyes look stedfastly
and fix upon him our faith, our l
our love, as the only way to the
as the only way in which our gui
washed away, and our robes ma
Let us look at him, and wonder a
to man; and love him because
loved us. Let us go to him as the
truth, and the life: the true and
way to the Father.

our heart pressed down even to des-
ency under the guilt of sin, so that we
'How can such a sinner be pardoned!
sin is greater than can be forgiven?"
old the Lamb of God that taketh a-
the sin of the world!" "The blood of
s Christ cleanseth from all sin." Do
omplain of the hardness of our hearts,
vant of love to Christ? Behold him as
ed up to God for us; and such a sight
y, will melt our hard hearts. "They
look on me whom they have pierced
shall mourn."

) you at any time find your hearts fret-
disquieted, and impatient under every
and trial? See how patiently, meekly,
quietly Christ, your sacrifice, came to
ltar, and bore your sins and your sor-
. "For he was made sin for us that we
it be made the righteousness of God
m." Whatever corruption may burden
a believing application of this will
d support. Whatever grace is defi-
t, this will revive it. Blessed Jesus!
hank thee for the kind memorials thou
left us of thy love. May this love
r us to thy table. There we can see
as a sacrifice; and by faith can eat of
flesh, and drink of that blood, which
offered for the life of our souls. There

may we hear thee say, "Be not f
but believing." Can we thus re
thee, and forget our own guilt?
thus remember thee at thy tal
again and again forget thee? O
feast of love might this be to a b
soul! Lord, give us to taste that th
meat indeed, and thy blood is drink
O let us say from the bottom of ou
Thanks be unto God for his unsp
gift. And with thy saints here let
"Worthy is the Lamb that was
receive power, and riches, and wisd
strength. Honour, and glory, and
be unto him that sitteth upon the
and unto the Lamb for ever and
Amen.

HYMN

For the Lord's Day Morning

Not all the blood of beasts,
On Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience pe
Or wash away the stain.

But Christ the heavenly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away:
A sacrifice of nobler name,
And richer blood than they.

faith would lay her hand
:hat dear head of thine,
like a penitent I stand,
there confess my sin,

soul looks back to see
burdens thou didst bear,
hanging on the accursed tree,
hopes her guilt was there.

eving, we rejoice
:ee the curse remove;
ss the Lamb with cheerful voice,
sing his bleeding love.

PRAYER

or the Lord's Day Morning.

s Jehovah! Thou art infinitely
praises of angels, and much
nful mortals. They that are far
shall perish; but it is good for
nigh to thee. Thy mercy has
this holy day, that thy love
may employ our minds, and be
e of our eternal rest. Breathe
ie spirit of light, life, and love;
s to this heavenly work, and
in it through thy dear Son. We

adore thee as the Almighty Crea
heaven, and earth. How manifol
thy works, O Lord! in wisdom has
made them all. Thou hast made
"but a little lower than the angels,'
with capacities for knowing, lovin
serving thee. Thou wast his father,
factor, and chief good, to engage h
thyself in resignation, love, and obed
(Thou gavest him a holy, just, and go
that he might please and enjoy thee
man by departing from thee, did fo
requite the Lord, and forsake the r
his salvation. Sin entered into the
and death by sin. Yet, blessed l
name, thou didst add to the sente
death the promise of a Redeemer.
took upon him the form of a servan
was made in the likeness of ma
wonderful, condescending love!
proclaimed it, and with adoration l
into it. Adored be our Emanuel
came as the light, and life of the
(He was holy, harmless, undefiled, an
rate from sinners.) He taught us l
perfect doctrine and example. He
himself, by his sufferings and de
sacrifice and propitiation for our
Now, O Father, "there is forgi
with thee, that thou mayest be fe

hat our souls could with greater thank-
ıess magnify the Lord, and our spirits
›ice in God our Saviour. Thou art to
reverenced in the assemblies of thy
ıts, and to be honoured of all that
about thee. A day in thy courts is
ter than a thousand. Quicken, O Lord,
desires after an everlasting Sabbath,
. while Sabbaths on earth are con-
ıed, make them a blessing to our
ls.
ıssist us in all the religious services of
ı holy day. Let thy gracious presence
with us to the solemn assembly. Help
against our manifold infirmities, and
sins that most easily beset us, in our
ɜndance upon thee. Let thy word be
good seed in our hearts, taking root,
. bringing forth fruit to thy glory, and
eternal salvation. Let our prayers
. praises be spiritual sacrifices, accept-
ɜ in thy sight through Jesus Christ.
'his day ride forth in the chariot of
everlasting gospel, conquering and to
quer. Let heathen nations be brought
acknowledge their Creator, and Re-
mer. In all thy churches let the arm
the Lord be revealed, sinners be con-
ted, and saints be edified, in their most
y faith. Continue the gospel in our

own land, and give it more ab
success. Make the ministers of the
faithful to Christ and souls; as tho
must give an account, *that they ma*
with joy, and not with grief. Heal th
ease the pained; succour the tempte
ply the necessitous; be a father
fatherless, and a husband to the wi
thy holy habitation. If afflictio
tain any from the public solemnities
day, let them enjoy thy gracious pr
in their own dwellings. Fit the dy
a glorious sabbath above, comple
number of thine elect, and fit th
thy heavenly kingdom.

Blessed be God, that we are in
and comfort to engage in the dutie
enjoy the privileges of this sa
Leave us not to wandering though
affections. But let our conversatio
heaven, from whence we look f
glorious Redeemer, whom having no
we love; in whom, though now
him not, yet believing, may we
with joy unspeakable, and full of
For his sake we beseech thee to h
and do for us abundantly above a
we can ask, conceive, or think! An

HYMN

For the Lord's Day Evening.

Come let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

Worthy the Lamb that died, they cry,
To be exalted thus:
Worthy the Lamb, our lips reply,
For he was slain for us.

Jesus is worthy to receive
Honour and power divine,
And blessings more than we can give,
Be, Lord, for ever thine.

The whole creation join in one,
To bless the sacred name
Of him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

PRAYER

For the Lord's Day Evening.

) Lord our God, who hast remembered
ın our low estate, and given thy well
ɔved Son *to be a ransom* for our souls;
desire to draw nigh to thee on this

evening of thine own day. We w
the hosts of heaven fall down bef
saying, blessing, and glory, and
and power, be unto thee for ever
We would unite with the redeem
the throne, in ascribing salvatio
God which sitteth upon the thr
unto the Lamb. How wonder
been the designs of thy love,
counsels of thy wisdom! may
magnify the Lord, and our spirit
in God our Saviour. Father of
prepare our hearts to embrace t
unspeakable gift. O, thou great
lover of souls, remember us
favour which thou bearest to th
and visit us with thy salvation.
Saviour, be thou an effectual
to us. Thou didst bare our sins
own body on the tree; may w
thee for refuge from the wrath
and lay hold on the hope set
Thou tookest our nature, that
partake of thine: O let us, t
perience the mighty power of th
let it heal our depraved natur
sanctify our sinful souls: let it
lovers and followers of thy h
Thou camest down to earth, to r
to heaven: O set our affections

e; may we in heart and mind thither
ıd where thou art gone before to
ıre a place for us; and may the great
:s, which accompany salvation, be
iplied unto us exceedingly, through
:nowledge of our incarnate Lord.
:avenly Father, our souls would es-
ılly bless thee for the mercies which
ave experienced this day: for thy
e open to us; for the word of salva-
sounding in our ears; and for thy
ed Spirit striving with our hearts. O
we not receive this grace in vain: let
ıt provoke thee to withdraw thy ten-
ıercies from us: but cause us to grow
ace, and the knowledge of our Lord
Saviour Jesus Christ.
mercy pardon all which thy pure and
eyes have seen amiss this day in our
ghts or desires, our words or actions,
ıe sake of our great Mediator, who
lives at thy right hand to make
cession for us. To Him, as the blessed
ɔr of our hopes and happiness; and
hee, who didst vouchsafe to deliver
up for us; and to the ever blessed
t, who reveals him to us, be all praise,
onour, and glory, humbly and heartily
ɔed by us, and by all thy church, now
or evermore. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Monday Morning.

THE LIVING SACRIFICE.

"I beseech you therefore, brethre
mercies of God, that ye present you
living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto G
is your reasonable service." Rom. xii.

Do we live, and move, and b
being in God? and dare we refu
His, to live to *Him*, and to move
obedience to him and dependan
him? Shall we dare to deny the I
bought us, who redeemed us to G
own blood; who died and rose ag
henceforth we should not live to o
but to him; that he might be o
both in life and in death? A *living*
must be a *willing* sacrifice. Wer
lost? Are we not rescued in the mo
way? To us, it is true, without c
most costly to our *Redeemer*. Is i
thing, that he offers himself to us
fulness, without money, and witho
saying, "Ho! every one that t
come ye to the waters, and he t

money, come ye, buy and eat; yea,
ne, buy wine and milk without money,
l without price!" Is it a small thing,
.t he should thus expostulate with us,
Vherefore do ye spend your money for
t which is not bread, and your labour
that which satisfieth not? Hearken
gently unto me, and eat ye that which
;ood, and let your soul delight itself in
ıess. Incline your ear, and come unto
; hear, and your soul shall live." Is it
nall thing, that he in whom is all the
ıess of God, having first offered himself
us, now offers himself *to* us? that he
h treated us hitherto with such indul-
ıce? waited on us with such enduring
ience? sustained us by such liberal
ınty? And now, when we should be
nmuning with our own hearts, and ask-
ourselves "What shall we render unto
Lord?"—that *he* should say to us so
ıcisely, and yet so comprehensively,
ıresent yourselves." Is that too much?
we too inconsiderable to be his? or are
mercies too inconsiderable to constrain
to be so? The mercies that flow so
ely from him, who is indeed the Father
mercies. The mercies that are so suit-
le to us; pardon to the guilty; light to
em that dwell in darkness; life to the

dead; a rich portion, and all-suffici
ness for the poor, indigent, and r
tous. The mercies that we are enco
to *expect*, as well as those which w
The great good laid up in store
mercies of *eternity*, added to those
The mercies of both worlds meetin
us! Have you heard this gracious
tion? and has your heart consented
reflect upon it, and bethink yoursel
you have done, and whose you no
I, who was *once* afar off, am brough
once alienated from the life of G
now holiness to the Lord. Let u
glorify God with our bodies and wi
spirits, which are his; may we glor
here, and enjoy him for ever *in heav*

HYMN

For Monday Morning.

For us mean, wretched, sinful men,
  Thou laid'st thy glory by;
First in our mortal flesh to serve,
  Then in that flesh to die.

Bought with thy service and thy blood,
  We doubly, Lord, are thine;
To thee our lives we would devote,
  To thee our deaths resign.

PRAYER

For Monday Morning:

) most blessed God, thou art the great
·ce of being and happiness; the nearer
ıre to thee, the more pure and delight-
ıs the stream. "With thee is the
tain of life, in thy light may we see
" Give us, we beseech thee, the
:dness of the man who feareth the
and delighteth greatly in his com-
nents. So form our hearts by thy
that, from day to day, we may set
he Lord, always before us, and live
fear all the day long.
ıee may we ever direct our waking
ts; and with the first ray of light
its our opening eyes, do thou, O

Lord, graciously lift up upon us the lig
of thy countenance. O enable us to po
out our souls before thee with filial rev
ence, humility, freedom, and affecti
With hearts filled with gratitude, wo
we praise thee for past mercies; and in t
exercise of a lively faith implore the fre
blessings which every returning day
quires. We desire with cheerfulness da
to renew the dedication of ourselves
thee, through thy beloved Son, our Lo
and Saviour Jesus Christ. May we lo
to meditate on thy Holy Word, and
tentively hearken to its instructions; tl
we may know what thou wouldest have
to do. Enable us to hide it in our hear
that we may not sin against thee; a
earnestly to seek fresh supplies of t
blessed Spirit, that we may be quicken
in all the duties which it enjoins. Th
prepared, do thou, O Lord, lead us fo
to all the duties of this day, and let it
our delight to do thy blessed will. I
our offerings of love and praise be live
willing offerings: the desire of our sou
and the joy of our hearts; that, inste
of dishonouring thee by our lifeless s
vices, we may abound in thy work, and
fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Ma
*us also faith*ful in all our intercourse w

·ound us: ready to do good, and
evil: just and kind, merciful and
peaceable and patient, sober and
nying, inoffensive and exemplary in
nduct: that so glorifying thee while
earth, we may, at our departure
, be received through thy mercy into
ɔy of our Lord, and be for ever glori-
in thy heavenly kingdom. Let no
ɔtations draw us, nor any tribulations
e us from thee: but let all thy dispen-
ons be received as messengers of thy
ɜ to our souls; and all thy dealings
h us bring us nearer to thyself, and
ke us fitter for thy blissful presence.
eave us not, neither forsake us; but be
· guide unto death, in death our comfort,
l after death our everlasting portion,
ough the atonement and merits of
ɜus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour.

HYMN

For Monday Evening.

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
  Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charms me most,
  I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
  Sorrow and love flow mingl'd down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet?
  Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
  That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
  Demands my soul, my life, my all.

PRAYER

For Monday Evening.

Infinite and everlasting God, the great Creator of the heavens and of the earth, and of all things visible and invisible, we unworthy sinners desire to approach thee, through the mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ; that blessed way of thine own appointment. May our prayer be set forth before thee as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as an acceptable evening sacrifice. Blessed be thy name, O thou never failing source of goodness and

mercy, for the preservation and favours of another day; and that no afflictive and melancholy providence prevents our meeting together this evening in a comfortable manner at thy throne of grace. May we with one consent call upon our souls to bless thee who loadest us daily with thy benefits, feedest us with food convenient for us, and continuest to us our daily comforts, redeeming our lives from destruction, and crowning us with loving-kindness and tender mercies. And may we shew forth thy praise not only with our lips; but by a life devoted to thy service. Forgive us, gracious God, that our hearts have hitherto been so little affected with thy goodness, and our consequent obligations to love and serve thee. Forgive, that when we have known our duty we have neglected to practise it; and especially that we have so often acted directly contrary to it. Innumerable are our offences; and they are aggravated, O Lord, by being committed against the clearest light, and strongest love.

This day has witnessed to thy mercies and to our follies: a slight review at the close of even our best days, convinces us how very *defective* we are, in comparison *of what we might be.* O Lord, have mere

upon us, miserable sinners, for Jesus Christ's sake! Father, forgive us, though we have sinned against heaven, and before thee.

And, O that, as the shadows of one evening after another are stretching themselves over us, our thoughts may be more steadily and seriously fixed on the approaching night of death, and the succeeding day of judgment! May we be above all things concerned to stand prepared for our departure hence, and that we may be found of Christ in peace when he appeareth. Thy word assures us, that when that awful morning shall dawn, many shall wish to have lain still in everlasting night; and shall call to the mountains and to the rocks to fall on them, and hide them from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. And, O Lord, shall any in our family be of this wretched number? O God forbid! To prevent so dreadful an end, help us, O Lord, to examine ourselves now. May we never be satisfied in any state or course of life, which is inconsistent with the sincerity and holiness which the Gospel requires at thy tribunal; and O thou great searcher of hearts, do thou still more thoroughly search us and try us: see if

'e be any wicked way in us, discover it
s, and lead us in the way of life ever-
.ng : that so, when day and night shall
e, and the elements shall melt with
ent heat, we may lift up our heads
ı joy, knowing that our redemption
veth nigh ! Amen.

MEDITATION

For Tuesday Morning.

Wherefore the rather brethren, give diligence
ake your calling and election sure, for if ye
ıese things ye shall never fall :
For so an entrance shall be ministered unto
abundantly, into the everlasting kingdom of
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Pet. i. 10.

ow active and anxious are men in pur-
g the things of the world ; but how
ɔncerned and inactive in the ways of
:e and holiness. Christians, however,
ıld remember that the promises of God
made not to the slothful and the idle,
to the laborious and diligent christian.
of him only who keeps his words, that
Son has said, "My Father will love
, and we will make our abode with
,"

It is the will of God, that the hearts of his people should be warm and fervent in religious exercises. That service which hath not heavenly warmth is no service. Lukewarmness God cannot endure; but, as he forewarned the church at Laodicea, rejects with holy disgust. Let the slothful christian remember, that God loves activity in duty, and promises that, while "the soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing; the soul of the diligent shall be made fat." It is only the energetic fervent prayer that availeth much.

If we would wear the crown, the race must be run: if we would share the triumph, the good fight must be fought, and the victory won: he that would know, must follow on to know the Lord: he that would make his calling and election sure, and would never fall, but have an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, must give diligence thereto, and work out his salvation with fear and trembling.

Do you, then, complain of want of assurance? Be no longer formal, listless, and superficial in prayer. Stir up yourselves, and exert all your energies in seeking and serving the Lord; and then you shall soon have such communications from heaven:

ill you with joy unspeakable and
;lory !

HYMN

For Tuesday Morning.

ıd up, my soul, shake off thy fears,
nd gird the Gospel armour on;
rch to the gates of endless joy,
'here thy great Captain Saviour's gone.

l and thy sins resist thy course;
ıut hell and sin are vanquish'd foes;
' Jesus nail'd them to the cross,
.nd sung the triumph when he rose.

ıt though the prince of darkness rage,
ınd waste the fury of his spite;
rnal chains confine him down
'o fiery deeps and endless night.

at though thine inward lusts rebel,
Tis but a struggling gasp for life;
: weapons of victorious grace
Shall slay thy sins, and end the strife.

:n let my soul march boldly on,
Press forward to the heavenly gate;
ere peace and joy eternal reign,
nd glitt'ring robes for conquerors wait.

There shall I wear a starry crown,
And triumph in Almighty grace;
While all the armies of the skies,
Join in my glorious Leader's praise.

PRAYER

For Tuesday Morning.

For Holiness.

O Almighty and Eternal God! w
like unto thee, glorious in holiness, f
in praises, doing wonders? "Thou
purer eyes than to behold iniquity, n
shall sin dwell with thee." We desi
approach thy Divine Majesty most
foundly adoring thine infinite hatr
sin, thine inflexible determination to p
it; and thine awful justice manifest
the sacrifice of thy beloved Son, th
might be a propitiation for our sins.
would adore thy glorious holiness as s
in the coming of Jesus Christ to put
sin, to bring in everlasting righteou
and to purify us unto himself a pe
people zealous of good works. O our
create us anew in Christ Jesus, and
us to hunger and thirst after righteow

ur hearts be right with thee, before
we appear without disguise, and
annot be deceived by the most
us pretences to piety.
the knowledge of thy holiness and
teach us to deny all ungodliness and
y lusts, and to live soberly, righte-
and godly, in this present world. O
y and destroy in us every rebellious
ition, every vicious inclination, that
itself against the holy precepts of
spel, that gives Satan advantage
s, and hinders our blessed Redeemer
eigning as King supreme in our
. Let not sin reign any longer in
ortal bodies, that we should obey it
lusts thereof: but help us, Lord, to
nce every idol, though dear as a right
or right eye, and tear it from thy
; to keep under our body, and bring
subjection. Help us, O God of our
ion, against the sins that most easily
us. Let not sinful flesh, but thy
ly Spirit and grace, guide and go-
s. Gird us, O our God, with might
e spiritual conflict we are called to
ain; and enable us to go on conquer-
ery spiritual adversary. O make us
ealous over our hearts, and watchful
our ways: mortify our pride, and

clothe us with humility; subdue o
passions, and put on us the ornament of
meek and quiet spirit; pluck up eve
root of bitterness out of our minds, a
make us kind, tender-hearted, as becom
the followers of Jesus. May we put o
the Lord Jesus, not in name and profe
sion only; but also so walk, even as h
walked. We would put on his purity, h
self-denial, his meekness, his patience, h
bowels of kindness, his submission to h
heavenly Father's will, his love to God a
man. Thus may we shew forth thy prais
making it evident that thou hast called
out of darkness into thy marvellous ligh
and translated us out of the kingdom
Satan into the kingdom of thy dear So
Thus may we be training up for that sta
where holiness shall be perfected, whe
we shall behold thy face in righteousne
and be satisfied when we awake in t
likeness.

Let holiness to the Lord be written u
on this house, and upon every heart und
this roof. Let sin have no dominion her
but let every soul be a temple for thy Ho
Spirit to dwell in. Here let the fruits
righteousness grow to thy praise and gl
ry; and may we all at last appear amo
the redeemed of the Lord, " who h

robes, and made them white
of the Lamb." Amen.

HYMN

r Tuesday Evening.

lips and lives express
ospel we profess,
works and virtues shine,
the doctrine all divine.

we best proclaim abroad,
irs of our Saviour God;
salvation reigns within,
subdues the power of sin.

and sense must be denied,
id envy, lust and pride;
ice, temp'rance, truth, and love,
d piety approve.

ears our spirits up,
expect that blessed hope,
t appearance of the Lord,
stands leaning on his word.

PRAYER

or Tuesday Evening.

heaven and earth, we desire
trate ourselves before thee;

and to join that holy company who
not day and night, saying, "Holy, h
holy, Lord God Almighty, which was,
is, and is to come. Thou art worthy
Lord, to receive glory, honour, and pov
for thou hast created all things, and
thy pleasure they are and were creat
Blessed be thy divine goodness, which
made the children of men but little lo
than the angels; and crowned us with
glory and honour, that we are capabl
accompanying the heavenly hosts, in
ing continual thanks and praise to t
Praised be thy name for all the comfor
this life, and for the hopes of eternal bl
edness in that which is to come, thro
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
how great was thy love, which sent
into the world to direct us in the wa
that happiness, by his holy doctrine
life; to be a propitiation for our sin
his death; and to be the first that sh
rise from the dead, and shew light
the world. We rejoice in that ligh
life; we desire most cheerfully to de
ourselves to be the faithful disciples o
Prince of Peace, the Lord of Life
Glory. It is our happiness, as well as
duty to be governed by him, and obey
commands. We are sensible they ar

l good; and that it is in love and
ı thou hast taught us to deny un-
s and worldly lusts, and to live
righteously, and godly in the world.
erefore, we would most heartily
:r our wills to thine, desiring that
cleave to all thy commands with
: entire love and affection. O that
ıy abide in us such a strong and
l sense of thy mighty love towards
hrist Jesus, as may constrain us
ıd willingly to please thee in the
exercise of piety and devotion,
sness and mercy, meekness and
, truth and fidelity; with such a
contented, and peaceable spirit,
ıdorn the religion of our Lord and
O God, grant that these holy
.nd inclinations may never die nor
in our hearts: but may they be
'e in their vigour and force by the
ıl inspiration of the Holy Ghost.
ese holy thoughts and desires, we
ɔw commend ourselves to thy pro-
his night, who hast preserved and
ıs during the past day. We repose
elief of thy good providence, to
e thankfully entrust ourselves and
ging to us. We would lie down
with hearts full of love to thee,

and humble faith and hope in thee: when we awake may we be still with t Dispose us, O Lord, by the rest thou g us, to serve thee more zealously with renewed spirits; and mercifully g that, after the few days and nights we to pass in this world, we may come tc eternal rest with Christ Jesus our l and Saviour. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Wednesday Morning.

THE APPROPRIATION OF FAITH.

"For this God is our God for ever and e
Psalm xlviii.

By faith the Christian is enabled to hold God in Christ, in a way of holy ap priation and delight. The ground of claim is the covenant grant and pro through the eternal Son. If thou thus fixed thy claim unto God in Ch proceed to take a view of all his attrib and perfections: for each of them rock on which thou mayest build with greatest comfort and security. Thou n est say, my God is a God of infinite pov *I will not fear*: he will hide me as *pavilion in the* evil day. He is a G

nite wisdom; and, therefore, he will
d me in the way I know not, and make
wise unto salvation. He is a God of
nite justice; and, therefore, having ac-
ted Christ as my sacrifice, he will blot
my iniquities as a cloud. He is a God
unspotted holiness; and will sanctify
according to his covenant, and sprinkle
an water upon me, and I shall be clean.
is a God of infinite mercies; and will
y me, and pardon me, and hear me
en I cry. He is a God of infinite faith-
ness; and, therefore, his covenant will
not break, nor alter the thing which
th gone out of his lips.

Thus faith rests on all the divine attri-
tes, as they are manifested in Christ;
d discovers treasures which can never
exhausted or diminished. Finally, it
ntemplates the whole providence of God,
designed for the advancement of his
n glory, and the good of those that love
n. And this calms and satisfies the soul
idst all the reelings and shakings of
is lower world: and assures the christian
an eternity of happiness in the imme-
ate fruition and enjoyment of his Lord.
My flesh and my heart faileth: but God
the strength *of my heart*, and my por-
n for ever."

HYMN

For Wednesday Morning.

My God, my Father, blissful name!
O may I call thee mine?
May I with sweet assurance claim
A portion so divine?

This only can my fears controul,
And bid my sorrows fly;
What harm can ever reach my soul
Beneath my Father's eye?

Whate'er thy providence denies,
I calmly would resign;
For thou art good, and just, and wise,
O bend my will to thine.

Whate'er thy sacred will ordains,
O give me strength to bear;
And let me know my Father reigns,
And trust his tender care.

My God, my father, be thy name
My solace and my stay;
O come and seal my humble claim,
And drive my fears away.

PRAYER

For Wednesday Morning.

O most glorious and eternal Majes
who art God over all, blessed for ever

er; and whom all the hosts of heaven
rship and adore! we desire with the
eatest fervency of spirit, and in the most
vout and humble manner, to acknow-
lge our obligations to love and serve
ee. But, alas! we are unprofitable ser-
nts; our provocations against thee are in-
eased, and our trespasses are grown up
en unto the heavens. We have lived
ourselves, instead of living unto him
o died for us, and rose again; we have
t, as we ought to have done, glorified
ee in our bodies, and in our spirits, which
e thine. And since it is not in man to
cover and save himself, O enable us to
ok unto thee, in whom alone our help
s. In the name of Jesus we come to
y throne of grace, hoping to obtain
ercy, and find grace to help in time of
ed: for his sake we humbly entreat thy
vour and the light of thy countenance,
aying thee to be reconciled to us, and to
at peace with us, as a Father of mercies
d a God of all consolation. Lord, ena-
e us to walk as becomes those upon whom
y name is called. May we be followers
Christ, as dear children; and adorn the
ctrine of God our Saviour in all things.
ay thy *almighty Spirit so* write the law
holiness upon our minds, that it may be

our meat and drink to do thy will; that we may hate all iniquity, and every false way; and resemble the blessed Jesus as our pattern, while we trust in his merits as our propitiation. Lord, make our services acceptable to thee while we live, and our souls ready for thee when we die. As long as we are in the world, keep us from the evil of it; and from the snares and dangers to which we are continually exposed in our passage through it. O make our pilgrimage safe and sure through all the troubles, changes, and temptations of this mortal life, to the unchangeable glories and felicities of the life everlasting. Be merciful to us this day. Keep us in all our ways; bless all our lawful undertakings; and grant that we may do nothing but what is acceptable in thy sight. Set thy fear before our eyes all the day long, and put thy love into our hearts, that we may not depart from thee. Bless and preserve us in our going out and our coming in. May the angel of thy presence save us from all sin and danger. Hear and answer us, O Lord, for the sake of him who hath loved and redeemed us, even the Lord our righteousness; to whom be ascribed the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Amen.

HYMN

For Weanesday Evening.

With joy we meditate the grace
  Of our high-priest above,
His heart is made of tenderness,
  His bowels melt with love.

Touch'd with a sympathy within,
  He knows our feeble frame;
He knows what sore temptations mean,
  For he has felt the same.

He in the days of feeble flesh
  Pour'd out his cries and tears;
And in his measure feels afresh
  What every member bears.

He'll never quench the smoking flax,
  But raise it to a flame;
The bruised reed he never breaks,
  Nor scorns the meanest name.

Then let our humble faith address
  His mercy and his power;
We shall obtain delivering grace
  In the distressing hour.

PRAYER

For Wednesday Evening.

O thou *Father of mercies*, and God of *comfort; how precious* are thy thoughts

towards us; how great is the sum of them! This day, and every day of our lives, we have largely experienced thy mercy, and lived still upon thy fatherly care and bounty. Thou renewest thy favours continually, and art still pouring upon us innumerable benefits: and, O our God, we esteem it one of the greatest of thy favours, that we have liberty to come into thy presence, to call thee Father, and to make known our requests to thee by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving. We would, O Lord, accept, with all thankfulness, this thy great grace and loving kindness to us; and again we prostrate ourselves before thee this evening, to acknowledge thy goodness in making us capable of knowing and loving thee. To thee, therefore, be given by us, and all thy creatures, all honour and praise, love and obedience, as long as we have any being. To thee would we devoutly resign both soul and body, to be governed and ruled according to thy holy will and pleasure. We are heartily sorry that we have not done it from the very beginning of our lives till this time. We are ashamed to think of our ingratitude in following our own desires so long. We *have done* those things which we ought *not to have* done; and we have left undone

things which we ought to have done;
here is no health in us. But our hope
that infinite mercy that has spared us
ıg. Open our eyes, we beseech thee,
: our transgressions; and touch our
s with sorrow for sin. All our hope
that love that has redeemed us with
ch a price. We earnestly implore,
ding to thy promises in Christ Jesus,
ɔnly pardon, but also the powerful
ance of thy Holy Spirit to enable us
e as becomes thy children and the
ɔles of thy Son. O that it may ever
e joy of our hearts to be righteous as
art righteous; to be merciful as thou,
ıeavenly Father, art merciful; to be
as thou who hast called us art holy
. manner of conversation. May the
ory of our blessed Saviour, and his
rable example, be ever dear to us;
we may cheerfully follow him in
umility, meekness, and patience, and
ht to do thy will, O God, in every
; as he did. Accept our thanks for
merciful preservation of us through
day: we come before thee, O Lord,
a new load of thy benefits added to
he blessings thou hast formerly be-
ed upon *us. Again* we would humbly
ıit ourselves to thy protection this

night; and trust in thy care, whei
not take care of ourselves. D
from all evil, and raise us up in tl
ing, in such a sense of thy goo
shall encourage us to persevere
wearied diligence in well doing.
grace to behave ourselves arigh
several relations, that we may a
doctrine of God our Saviour in al
and having done thy will here, by t
assisting us, and enjoyed thy bles
earth, may receive immortal hoı
glory hereafter from the hands
Christ, our merciful Redeemer.

MEDITATION

For Thursday Morning.

STRONG FAITH.

"O woman, great is thy faith!" Mat

What an honour is here put up
and how great its efficacy! Th
God is pleased to represent himsel
overcome, as conquered by it. I
crease my faith, and make it thus
ous. Let me consider the chai
this faith. It was strong, it was
it was persevering.

is the great foundation-stone of
venly building; upon that we
ır knowledge of God; of all he is,
ıll that he has done. It is faith that
: seal to the truth of God's word,
truth of his promise. It is faith
vercomes the world. A weak faith
ield, and give way, like the waves
the feet of Peter; and leave us to
when we need its support. A weak
vavering faith is like the waves of the
cossed to and fro, uncertain where to
or on what to rest. Lord, let my
ı be the substance of things hoped for,
evidence of things not seen. Though
inheritance is out of sight; though the
y promised is still to come; yet faith
me it is secure. May I feel its full,
ttractive force! May faith set it before
eyes! May I find it supply the place of
ence, of possession, of sight! By faith
my understanding be directed, my
determined, my affections moved, and
life governed. By this heavenly light
my darkness be done away, and my
illuminated. Heavenly Father, give
eyes to see the glorious things which
set before me in thy gospel, and let me
: *in this light!*

HYMN

For Thursday Morning.

Faith adds new charms to earthly bliss,
  And saves us from its snares;
Its aid in every duty brings,
  And softens all my cares.

Extinguishes the thirst of sin,
  And lights the sacred fire
Of love to God and heavenly things,
  And feeds the pure desire.

The wounded conscience knows its power
  The healing balm to give;
That balm the saddest heart can cheer,
  And make the dying live.

Wide it unveils celestial worlds,
  Where deathless pleasures reign;
And bids me seek my portion there,
  Nor bids me seek in vain.

Shews me the precious promise seal'd
  With the Redeemer's blood;
And helps my feeble hope to rest
  Upon a faithful God.

PRAYER

For Thursday Morning.

O most gracious Father, encouraged b
by precepts and promises, and by th

ısiness and comfort to worship thee
ı our family.
thank thee for making us capable of
ıg and loving, serving and enjoying
And, adored be thy mercy, that
ı by our apostacy from thee, we have
ved ourselves; yet in thee may help
nd. We thank thee for laying help
upon one that is mighty and able to
ı the uttermost all that come unto
y him. We thank thee, if Christ,
vation by him, have been made in
gree precious to our souls. O how
hypatience and long suffering mercy,
spared our lives, and kept us out of
hile we were going in the paths of

our hearts and lives, of our childh
youth and riper years, testify against
Long did we forget God and our s
Christ and eternity, and live in ignor
and unbelief: long were we deceive
earthly vanities; and too long did
resist the motions of thy Holy S
Too often, alas! even since we
known thee, and engaged ourselve
thee, have we returned to folly, and
been negligent in loving and serving
But, glory be to thy name, there is
giveness with thee, that thou mayes
feared. O wash us in the blood of
dear Son, sanctify us by his Spirit,
accept us in his merits. We dare
draw nigh to thee, but in the nam
Christ; nor expect any mercy but fo
sake. O Holy Spirit, dwell in our h
by faith, fill us with heavenly love,
strengthen us for all holy obedience.
our thoughts and affections be fixe
God and Christ, on divine precepts

ornament of a meek and quiet spirit.
ver us from every snare of sin, and
y hurtful lust. Especially save us
ı the sin that most easily besets us.
'e humbly thank thee for our safety
repose during the last night; and the
th and comfort we enjoy this morning.
p us in thy fear, faith, and love, all this
Grant us to grow in grace, and the
wledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus
ist: make us faithful, diligent, and cir-
spect in all the duties of our several
es and relations: and dispose of all our
ldly affairs as shall be most for thine
glory, and the welfare of our immor-
ıouls. We intreat thee to pardon our
, accept our service, and give an answer
eace to our prayers, for the sake of thy
: Son, our Redeemer and Saviour;
ı has graciously taught us thus to pray,
Father, which art in heaven, &c.—
en.

HYMN

For Thursday Evening.

O that the Lord would guide my ways,
To keep his statutes still!
O *that my God would* grant me grace,
To know and do his will.

O send thy Spirit down to write
  Thy law upon my heart!
Nor let my tongue indulge deceit,
  Nor act the liar's part.

From vanity turn off my eyes;
  Let no corrupt design,
Nor covetous desire arise
  Within this soul of mine.

Order my footsteps by thy word,
  And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
  But keep my conscience clear.

My soul hath gone too far astray,
  My feet too often slip:
Yet, since I've not forgot the way,
  Restore thy wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in thy commands;
  'Tis a delightful road:
Nor let my head, or heart, or hands,
  Offend against my God.

PRAYER

For Thursday Evening.

O thou high and lofty One, who in
test eternity, whose name is Holy

heart of the contrite ones. In-
thy goodness, and constrained by
necessities, we bow before thee,
confessing our sins, thankfully
ledging thy mercies, and earnestly
for grace to help us in every time

ould confess with the most humble
sement and contrition of spirit,
have so long walked contrary to
law, and followed the devices and
of our own evil hearts: that we
en lovers of pleasure more than
f God; and have idolized the vani-
perishing world. We have abused
ence, forbearance, and long suffer-
which thou hast been leading us to

ever with Christ in the unfading glo
heaven. We have contented ourselve
the form of godliness, without the li
power of it. But, O God! visit our
with thy forgiving love. Though o
deserve thine eternal wrath, yet th
beloved Son hath died for us; and i
there is infinite worthiness. For his
justify us by thy grace, adopt us int
family, and make us partakers of t
vine nature. May thy Holy Spirit f
minds with faith and wisdom, an
hearts with holiness and love! L
thoughts of thy love to us in Christ,
pardon and peace with thee, and
promised joys of heaven, be our co
under all the afflictions and sorrows
Teach us to redeem our precious ti
lay up treasure in heaven, and to see
the kingdom of God and his righteou
trusting thy gracious promise, th
other things shall be added unto us,
as they are for our good and thy
Help us to bear every suffering with
and patience. Make us conqueror
every temptation, and preserve us t
heavenly kingdom.

Let thy blessing be on this family,
our cares and concerns. Ever keep
love and peace, and in every holy

: and to one another. We thank thee
:he mercies of our past lives, and par-
larly of this day. Protect us this night
ı every evil. Refresh us with rest in
). Prepare us for the duties and events
ıe morrow. May we live every day in
fear, and to thy glory; that we may
with thee in a glorious eternal day,
:e there shall be night no more for
. Hear and answer us in all our
:rfect petitions and supplications for
sake of our all-prevailing Intercessor.
:n.

MEDITATION

For Friday Morning.

THE CHRISTIAN RACE.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about
so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside
y weight, and the sin which doth so easily be-
ıs, and let us run with patience the race set
re us, looking unto Jesus the author and
her of our faith." Hebrews xii. 1—3.

:hristians have a race to run; a race of
rice, and a race of sufferings; a course
bedience, *both active* and passive. This
is set before them; it is marked out

both by the word of God, and the ex
of his faithful servants, that cloud
nesses, with which they are encom

It is set out by proper limits and
tions: the mark they run to, and th
they run for, are set before them.
race must be run with patience and
verance: there will be need of pati
encounter the difficulties that lie
way; of perseverance to resist all t
tions to desist or turn aside. Fai
patience are the conquering grace
therefore, must always be cultivat
kept in lively exercise. Above all,
tians have the example of the Lord
Christ to animate and encourage
and they are directed to run, "
unto Jesus, the author and finisher
faith." He is not only the object
faith, but likewise its author. He
great leader and precedent of our
he is the purchaser of the Spirit o
the promulgator of the rule of fai

h the mark, and from him and in
· have the prize.
nto Jesus; look at the trials he
in his race and course. "He en-
: contradiction of sinners against
' they were continually opposing
crossing his great designs; and
e could easily have confounded
t he endured their perverseness
ocations with the greatest pa-
"He endured the cross,"—all
ings he met with in the world;
ɔk up his cross betimes; and at
dured that painful, ignominious,
rsed death; "He also despised
e," and was infinitely superior
reproaches that were cast upon

all, he had joy! the joy set
n, to make peace between God
; to open a way of salvation, even
ief of sinners; and also that he
as to rise from the dead, "the
among many brethren;" And
set down at the right-hand of
e of God: He is exalted to a sta-
he highest honour, and of the
power and influence; and ever
ake intercession for his people.
ıen consider him, meditate much

upon him, look to him for direction, fo assistance, and for acceptance in all ou sufferings. If we compare Christ's suffer ings with our own, we shall find that the far exceed ours both in nature, and i measure. These considerations will be i means to prevent our weariness and faint ing; and therefore, it is added, "conside him that endured such contradiction o sinners against himself, lest ye be wear and faint in your minds."

There is a proneness in the best to grov weary, and to faint under their trials an afflictions; especially when they prov heavy, and of long continuance; and, th best way to prevent this, is to look unt Jesus and consider him. By faith an meditation we shall obtain fresh supplie of strength, comfort, and courage; for h has assured us, "if we suffer with him, w shall also reign with him."

Now to him who hath loved us, an given us everlasting consolation and goo hope through grace, be everlasting praises Amen.

HYMN

For Friday Morning.

Awake our souls, away our fears,
Let every trembling thought be gone!
Awake, and run the heavenly race,
And put a cheerful courage on.

True, 'tis a strait and thorny road,
And mortal spirits tire and faint;
But they forget the mighty God
That feeds the strength of every saint:

The mighty God whose matchless pow'r
Is ever new, and ever young;
And firm endures, while endless years,
Their everlasting circles run.

From thee, the everflowing spring,
Our souls shall drink a fresh supply;
While such as trust their native strength,
Shall melt away, and droop, and die.

Swift as an eagle cuts the air,
We'll mount aloft to thine abode;
On wings of love our souls shall fly,
Nor tire amidst the heavenly road.

PRAYER

For Friday Morning.

Almighty God, the Father of lights, om whom cometh down every good and rfect gift; we bless thee that through y tender mercy the day-spring from on gh hath visited us, to give light to them at sit in darkness and in the shadow of ath; to guide our feet into the way of ace. *We thank thee* for the gracious *urance of thy* beloved Son, our onl

Lord and Saviour, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness; but shall have the light of life." Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we may not love darkness rather than light, lest it should turn to our condemnation that light is come into the world. O may we work the work of God, by believing in him whom he hath sent. Teach us to glorify thy name, and to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. Deeply impress on our hearts the solemn consideration, that upon this moment of time depends an unchanging eternity; and that our everlasting happiness, *all that concerns us for ever*, hangs upon a life so quickly gone, and that will never return. Let us gird up the loins of our minds, and in thy strength, prepare in earnest to run the christian race. Are we slothful? Do thou awaken us! Are we burdened with easily besetting sins? O enable us to cast them off, and to watch unto prayer!

Turn away our eyes from beholding vanity, and quicken thou us in thy ways: make us as zealous for our God, as we have been eager for the world: and enable us to shew the sincerity of our profession by *that zeal* and fervour, which are the very *life and soul* of religion!

ty and sin that has hindered and drawn
side from the christian course! We
ed not off our eyes from the vanities
surrounded us. We have given place
ie world, the flesh, and the devil; and
have been burdened and hindered by
a. Thy grace it is, O heavenly Father,
has called us to the christian race:
ake us so firmly thine, that nothing
befals us in the world may separate
om thee: let us not be of them that
r back unto perdition, but of them
believe to the saving of the soul.
l thou us up, and we shall be safe, and
l have respect unto thy statutes con-
ally. And as we too often renew our

HYMN

For Friday Evening.

Ye servants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait
Observant of his heavenly word,
And watchful at his gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame:
Gird up your loins, as in his sight;
For awful is his name.

O happy servant he,
In such a posture found;
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honour crown'd.

Christ shall the banquet spread,
With his own royal hand;
And raise that faithful servant's head,
Amidst the angelic band.

PRAYER

For Friday Evening.

FOR QUICKENING GRACE.

O God of all grace, who hast of t
abounding mercy provided a Saviou
sinners, we come before thee, accordi
thy command, to supplicate thy gr

: in us to will and do of thy good
sure; and that thou wouldest give us to
:ve in Jesus to the saving of our souls.
s is life eternal, to know thee the only
e God, and Jesus Christ whom thou
.t sent. O let us not be alienated from
:e through the blindness of our hearts:
t shine into our minds to give us the
;ht of the knowledge of thy glory, as
:en in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We acknowledge and bewail before thee,
) thou all-seeing God, our backwardness
.o the duties of thy holy service. We
should delight in thy law, and serve thee
with all gladness of heart, making it our
meat and drink to do thy will: but oh,
how cold and listless are we in the performance of that which most nearly and
eternally concerns us! We are alive to
the world, and ever ready to be transported
with the objects of sense; but oh, how
heavy and dead in those offices of attendance on our Lord, which are the joy and
glory of the hosts of heaven! Our souls
cleave unto the dust! O quicken us, according to thy word. Quicken us, O Lord,
according to thy command, which requires
us to be spiritually minded, fervent in spirit,
serving the Lord. Quicken us accordin
to thy promise, that sin shall not ha

dominion over thy servants; and that thou wilt perfect that which concerneth them. O gracious Lord! be thou pleased to perfect that which concerns our souls. With our whole hearts will we seek thee; O let us not wander from thy commandments. Thy word would we hide in our hearts, that we may not sin against thee; we would delight ourselves in thy statutes, and never forget thy ways. Thy testimonies would we take as our heritage for ever; for they are the rejoicing of our souls. Incline our hearts to perform them always, even unto the end. May we account all things but loss, that we may be found in Christ Jesus our Lord, having the righteousness which is of God by faith: may we be conformed to him in his death, and partake of the power of his resurrection. May we press continually forward to the prize of our high calling, having our conversation in heaven; and looking for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour, who shall change our vile bodies, and fashion them like unto his own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby he is able even to subdue all things to himself. Now to him *who hath* loved us, and given himself for *us, be all* honour and glory.

MEDITATION

For Saturday Morning.

"A peculiar people." 1 Peter, ii. 9.

Distinguished from the rest of the world, not only by their general profession of christianity; but by the peculiar grace of God bestowed upon them; by their peculiarly lively faith in the Redeemer's sacrifice and mediation; and their divine union with him through his Spirit: by their peculiarly affectionate attachment to him, and delight in him, as their only Saviour; by their trust and hope in his promises, and obedience to his will; by their peculiar seriousness and constancy in the worship of God, their peculiar love to one another, and good will to all men; in a word, by their peculiar likeness to God, their relish for the pleasures of religion, their regard to their duty in this world, and their infinitely superior interests in another.

Lord, grant us thy grace, that we may be numbered with this peculiar people: give us more and more of that wisdom which *is from above,* which is pure and *peaceable, full of* mercy and good fruits

more of that true and vital faith, by whi
we may cleave to thee and thy word,
led to abhor all sin, and practise all rigl
eousness and goodness, as a people zealo
of good works. Of this kind of singulari
however neglected or derided by the wor
may it be our privilege to partake large

HYMN

For Saturday Morning.

O happy soul that lives on high,
  While men lie grov'ling here!
His hopes are fixt above the sky,
  And faith forbids his fear.

His conscience knows no secret stings,
  While peace and joy combine
To form a life, whose holy springs
  Are hidden and divine.

He waits in secret on his God;
  His God in secret sees:
Let earth be all in arms abroad,
  He dwells in heavenly peace.

He wants no pomp nor royal throne,
  To make him happy here;
Content and pleas'd to live unknown,
  Till Christ his life appear.

He looks to heaven's eternal hill,
To meet that glorious day:
But patient waits his Saviour's will,
His soul to call away.

PRAYER

For Saturday Morning.

Most merciful God and Father! art thou, in thy infinite condescension and mercy, saying to thy offending creatures, "Seek ye my face?" And shall not our hearts reply, "Thy face, Lord, will we seek," and that with our whole hearts. Blessed are they whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee. It is good for us to draw near to thee, for thou art good to the souls that seek thee. Thou art rich in mercy to all that call upon thee, to all that call upon thee in truth. We come to plead those gracious promises on which thou hast caused us to hope. Put thy laws in our minds, and write them in our hearts, and our sins and iniquities remember no more! Thou hast graciously promised that if we walk in the light as thou art in the light, we shall have fellowship with thee the Father, and with thy Son Jesus Christ. *O sanctify our* sinful hearts, and dwell

in them by the influences of thy Holy Spirit. Give us that lively hope, which may make us purify ourselves even as thou art pure, and that ardent love to thee that will make us cheerfully do thy will.

O thou great rewarder of them that diligently seek thee, help us seriously to engage in thy service, to run the way of thy commandments without weariness, and to walk therein without fainting: exercising ourselves unto godliness, continuing watchful in prayer, keeping our hearts with all diligence, and running the race set before us with all cheerfulness, being full of ardour in thy work, and full of good fruit to thy honour. To this end, we beseech thee, O Lord, to strengthen us with all might by thy Spirit in the inner-man. Blessed be thy name, O God, if thou hast inspired our hearts with these holy desires and resolutions; it is an earnest we hope of thy never-failing love towards us! Heavenly Father, it is our joy and glory that we know thee, that we live under the care of thy wise, merciful, and almighty providence at present; and have the promise of remission of sins, and of a crown of life in thy presence, *where there is* fulness of joy, and pleasures *for evermore.* This is all our salvation,

ır desire. We rejoice heavenly
thy love. Bless the Lord, O our
l all that is within us, bless his
ıe! Bless the Lord with us, ye
hosts, who rejoice over one sinner
nteth! ye ministers of his that do
ıre. And O that this joy may in-
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l holiness, may the joy of the
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to strength, till at last we shall
und thy throne, and enter into
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ın the duties of this day. Let the
our duty be our pleasure, and to
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l mind be instead of all we
ıd a thankful heart sweeten every
ıt. May a humble submission to
reserve in us a settled tranquil-
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re while we live, where we desire
ıen we die. That heaven being
our hope, and the longing expec-
our souls, we may conquer all
s in our way to it; and go
ıonour and dishonour, good re-
evil report, prosperity and adver-
cheerfulness and evenness of

mind. And at last bring us, we pray the to eternal rest and peace; with our glori fied Redeemer, who is able to do for u abundantly above all that we can asl conceive, or think; to wash us from ou sins in his blood, to sanctify us by hi Spirit, and to make us unto our God king and priests. To him be glory for ever an ever. Amen.

HYMN

For Saturday Evening.

Lord, I am thine, but thou wilt prove
My faith, my patience, and my love;
When scornful men against me join,
They are the sword, the hand is thine.

Their hope and portion lie below:
'Tis all the happiness they know;
'Tis all they seek: they take their shares,
Then die, and leave it to their heirs.

What sinners value, I resign;
Lord, 'tis enough that thou art mine;
I shall behold thy blissful face,
And stand complete in righteousness.

This life's a dream, an empty show;
But the bright world to which I go,
Hath joys substantial and sincere;
When shall I wake, and find me there?

O glorious hour! O blest abode!
I shall be near and like my God!
And flesh and sin no more controul
The sacred pleasures of the soul.

My flesh shall slumber in the ground,
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound;
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise,
And in my Saviour's image rise.

PRAYER

For Saturday Evening.

Almighty and most merciful Father, by 'hom we were made, and in whom we live, ıove, and have our being; to thy tender ompassion we owe our safety the day ast, with all the hopes of thy approach- ng sabbath. Unto thee would we give hanks, O God, our exceeding joy: every lay would we bless thee, and praise thy ıame for ever and ever. We would thank hee with all our souls, if we feel any 'eturns of love to thee; if we have made :he least progress in the path of life during :he week which is now drawing to a close. Behold, O Lord, we present ourselves here before thee, to be inspired with such a powerful sense of thy love, as may move 's more powerfully towards thee; and pr

us forward with greater earnestness,
and diligence in the way of thy comm
ments. O that Jesus, the hope of g
may be formed in us, in all humility
meekness, patience and righteousness
an absolute surrender of our souls
bodies to thy holy will and pleasure.
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and may the life we live in the flesh, l
the faith of the Son of God, who love
and gave himself for us—the remembr
of that love is most dear and prec
Again would we offer up ourselves
cerely to thee, to do thy will, O Go
our blessed Lord and Master did.
would repose an entire confidence in
who hast not spared thy own Son,
given him up for us all. We w
humbly and reverently accept whats
thou sendest us; and in every thing
thanks, which is thy will concernin
in Christ Jesus. We trust thou wilt
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safely through all the changes of
condition here in an unchanging lo
thee, and in holy composure and tran
ity of mind in thy love to us, till we
to live with thee and enjoy thee for

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ourselves this night; to be secure

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r comfortable rest and repose, to de-
ɔur habitation, and all about us from
ɔnt and alarm; and to raise us in
ı and cheerfulness to praise thee in
ouse of prayer. Fit us for the enjoy-
and improvement of thy holy day;
we will sing of thy power; yea, we
ing aloud of thy mercy in the morn-
because thou hast been our defence
ur refuge at all times. Unto thee,
r strength, will we sing; for it is a
thing to praise thy name, O thou
High; to show forth thy loving
ıess in the morning, and thy faithful-
every night. Thus would we both
urselves down in peace, and sleep;
ıou, Lord, only, makest us to dwell in
y: and whether we wake in this world
other, may we still be praising thee,
hy mercy endureth for ever and
We humbly beseech thee to accept
our imperfect petitions and unwor-
praises, through Jesus Christ our
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THIRD WEEK.

MEDITATION

For the Lord's Day Morning.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." John xv. 1.

Never was any vineyard so honoured; never was any husbandman so wise, so watchful over his vineyard, as God is over his church. The true vine is the Lord Jesus Christ! Of this vine believers are the branches. The root, though unseen, bears the tree, diffuseth the sap, and is all in all to its flourishing and fruitfulness. So our life is hid with Christ in God. The branches, though many and extended, all meet in the root, and all form but one vine. Of all Christ's disciples it is the great concern to keep up a constant dependance upon him, and communion with him; to adhere habitually to him, and *actually* derive from him all their spiritual *life. Their* aim is so to abide in him by

faith, that he, according to his promise, may by his Spirit abide in them.

Union with Christ is a divine principle. A life of faith in the Son of God is the most excellent life a man can live in this world: it is pure and heavenly; it is most useful and comfortable: it is not only the means of cultivating and increasing whatever good there is in us already; but it is the root and source from which must spring all that shall be in us in future. We have as necessary and constant dependance upon the grace of the Mediator for all our spiritual and divine life, as we have upon the providence of the Creator for all the actions of the natural life: for as to both, it is in the Divine Power that we live, and move, and have our being. Without Christ we can do nothing aright, nothing that will be either pleasing to God, or profitable to ourselves. We depend upon Christ, not only as the vine depends upon the wall for support; but also as the branches upon the root for sap.

Our union with Christ is maintained by the word of God, and by prayer. Where the word of Christ dwells richly, there Christ dwells. Those who come to him must *abide in him* by faith. We must *abide in Christ's merit* as our righteous-

ness and plea; and it must abide in us as our support and comfort. Christ's word must abide in us, as a light to our feet, and a lamp to our path. If this word is our constant guide and monitor, if it dwells within us, then we abide in Christ, and he in us.

Those who abide in Christ, regarding him as their chief delight, shall have fulfilled unto them the desire of their hearts. The promises abiding in us lie ready to be turned into prayers; and prayers so excited and regulated cannot but speed. If we abide in Christ, and his word abides in us, we shall have an interest in God's favour through his mediation; we shall have an answer of peace to all our prayers. Christ says that those who abide in him shall bring forth fruit: from christians, therefore, we look for christianity: that is, the fruit of a christian temper and disposition, a christian life and conversation, christian devotion, and christian designs and practice. We must honour God and do good; and exemplify the purity and power of the religion we profess in all the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ to the glory of God the Father.

He pruneth them that they may bring *forth more fruit.* The pruning of fruitful

branches, in order to their greater fruitfulness, is the care and work of the great husbandman. Even the best have in them much that wants pruning. That faith which is received into the heart purifies the soul. There is, through the Spirit, a cleansing virtue in his holy word; it quickens grace, and works out corruption; it cleanseth as fire cleanseth the gold from its dross: and we then evidence that we are cleansed by the word, when we bring forth fruit unto holiness. So shall ye be my disciples. So shall we both *evidence* our discipleship and *adorn* it; and be to our Master for a name, and a praise, and a glory. That is to be disciples indeed! So shall we be owned by our Master in the great day, and have the reward of disciples, and share in the joy of our Lord.

HYMN

For the Lord's Day Morning.

Come worship at Emanuel's feet,
See in his face what wonders meet;
Earth is too narrow to express
His worth, his glory, or his grace.

Is he a rose? not Sharon yields
Such fragrancy in all her fields:
Or if the lily he assume;
The valleys bless the rich perfume.

Is he a vine? his heavenly root
Supplies the boughs with life and fruit:
O let a lasting union join
My soul to Christ the living vine.

PRAYER

For the Lord's Day Morning.

O God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, thou art worthy to receive from us, and from the whole creation, blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Assist us, we humbly beseech thee, on this morning of thine own day, to unite with thy whole family in heaven and earth, in praising thy glorious name, and rendering thanks unto thee, whose mercy endureth for ever. It is a good thing to praise thy name, O Lord, and to declare thy loving-kindness: may we this day go into thy gates with thanksgiving, and enter thy courts with praise. O that thy day may ever be the delight of our

Suffer us not to do our own works,
k our own words, or think our own
ts. Fix our hearts upon thee, and
above; and enable us to approve
ıls in thy sight, who beholdest our
, and searchest our hearts; and
ill shortly call us to judgment.
ı us to remember that every Sab-
very sermon, every prayer, brings
either to heaven or hell. Under
lemn consideration, may we work
r salvation with fear and trembling.
it not be our condemnation that
ve have sabbath after sabbath at-
thine ordinances, we have only
ıed the deadness of our souls, and
dness of our hearts; and have caused
rd to be to us a savour of death
leath. We pray for Christ's sake
is may be a blessed and comfortable
us; a day of repentance and par-
ı day of conviction and conversion;
f edification and consolation. May
vants who shall this day preach thy
be endued with heavenly wisdom,
lly and zealously to apply it to the
ences and circumstances of all who
ıear them. This day, O Lord,
thy free grace and sovereign power,
ng the gospel effectual for opening

the hearts of sinners, bringing them to cast down the weapons of rebellion, and touch the golden sceptre of mercy, that they may live. Let our hearts, we beseech thee, be opened to attend to the things which shall be spoken by thy ministers. O let them not be as the highway or stony ground, where the good seed of thy word cannot thrive; or like the thorny ground, where the cares and pleasures of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches do choke the word: but may we receive thy word into honest and good hearts, and bring forth fruit unto perfection. Dispose us to hear with humility and reverence, without prejudice, and with minds ready to obey. While engaged in prayer and praise, in reading and hearing thy word, may thy Holy Spirit rest upon us, and enable us to do all as for the life of our souls. In all the services of this day keep us we pray thee from drowsiness, wandering, and distraction. Banish from us all vain and worldly imaginations. Deliver us from hypocrisy in all our approaches to thee. Let us not draw nigh to thee with our lips, whilst our hearts are far from thee, but give us grace so to ask, *that we may receive*, so to seek that we *may find*, so to knock, that the door of

mercy may be opened to us. O may we spend every Sabbath, and hear every sermon as if it were our last; since we know not how soon our last may come.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon a world that lieth in wickedness! For thy name's sake, let thy everlasting gospel go forth, not in word only, but in power and in the Holy Ghost. May the breath of his heavenly influences be vouchsafed this day, that many dry bones may be enlivened, many dead souls quickened. May the faith of thy people be strengthened, their desires quickened, their love inflamed, and their holiness perfected in the fear of the Lord. And hasten that blessed time when thy kingdom shall come, and thy will be done on earth, even as it is done in heaven. We humbly beg every blessing for ourselves and others, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with the Father, and the eternal Spirit, be everlasting glory and praise. Amen.

HYMN

For the Lord's Day Evening.

Lord of the vineyard, we adore
That pow'r and grace divine,
Which grafts our wild, our barren souls,
In Christ the living vine.

For ever may they there abide,
  And from that vital root
Be influence spread thro' ev'ry branch,
  To form and feed the fruit.

Shine forth, my God, the clusters warm
  With rays of sacred love;
Till Eden's soil, and Zion's stream,
  The generous plant improve.

PRAYER

For the Lord's Day Evening.

O Lord, our God, when we consi
what thou art, and what thou hast bee
us! what a tender, gracious, and com
sionate Father! how long thou hast bo
with our ingratitude and rebellion!
tenderly thou hast invited, yea entre
us to come to thee! and that thou art
beseeching us by all thy mercies; stan
at the door of our hearts, and knocki
we are lost in admiration of thy lo
suffering patience, and condescen
goodness.

Suffer us not, O Lord, to withhold
selves from thee; but cause us to surr

ır souls and bodies into thy hands; and
ay we join ourselves to thee in a per-
:tual covenant never to be forgotten. O
ay we have such a powerful sense of thy
ve, that it may govern all our passions
ıd affections; and that nothing in the
orld may induce us to displease thee.
Vhom, O Lord, is there in heaven but
ıee, or on earth that we can desire be-
des thee, who art the King of kings,
nd Lord of lords, infinitely glorious and
lessed; and designest to raise us sinful
ust and ashes to a kingdom of glory,
onour, and immortality in the heavens.
preserve in our minds how dearly we
re bought, even by the precious blood of
ıy only begotten Son! Jesus Christ our
ord. We would acknowledge most
eartily the righteousness and goodness of
ll thy laws. We implore, as the great-
st of blessings, thy renewing grace to
reate us in thine own lovely image of
ighteous and true holiness; and would re-
olve, O our God, in thy strength, that
ıoliness and eternal life shall be the great
bject of our most ardent hope, and our
nost vigorous pursuit. We would ex-
ıect no pardon, but in the ways of so-
riety, righteousness, and godliness. We
ope for a blessed immortality only b

patient continuance in well doing. We would consent to every part of thy holy gospel; and bear our testimony, that none of thy commandments are grievous; that thy yoke is easy and thy burden light! O may we never contradict in our practice these serious professions; but continue with unwearied diligence in thy commands, growing stronger and stronger in the grace of the Lord Jesus. May every address to thy Divine Majesty, and every sabbath with which thou favourest us, leave upon our hearts a more enlarged and influential sense of thine infinite excellence and loving kindness, and of our most bounden duty to love and serve thee. Whenever we leave thy presence may it be with our minds more heavenwards; with lower thoughts of all the enjoyments of this life; with a greater love of piety and holiness; and with more fervent desire to become in every thing such as thou canst approve, and love, and delight in for ever! Forgive, O Lord, the sins of our holy things this day; the wanderings of our thoughts, and the evil of our hearts. Imprint upon our memories the precepts of thy word, and the promises of thy love. And grant, we beseech thee, that whatever good thoughts may have been im-

ressed upon our minds, they may grow ito fixed principles: and that all holy nd heavenly affections may become a new ature, and the constant temper of our spi- its. May all our resolutions advance into a rious practice and exercise of godliness; nd all the actions of a holy life grow ore free, cheerful, vigorous, and full of elight, till they are completed in ever- sting bliss. There may we shine among ose who have washed thier robes and ade them white in the blood of the Lamb; whom, with the Father and the Holy host, be all honour and glory, now and r ever. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Monday Morning,

THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

"I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd veth his life for the sheep." John x. 11.

Is not this a character full of gentleness d goodness? "Is it not instead of ten ousand arguments to prove, that if he *ied us in this low* estate, in which he *first found us*, his mercy towards u

will endure for ever!" View our blessed Redeemer in the abasement of his abode among men: view him in the agonies in which he finished the long scene of his sufferings; and then say, what but love brought him from heaven, and kept him on earth? What but love stretched him on the cross, and laid him in the grave? And can any expression of tenderness be too great to be expected after such amazing effects of it have already been exhibited? Surely, as he himself says, greater love has no man than this, that a man should lay down his life for his friends! But, as the apostle justly observes, his love is commended towards us; it is set off by this important circumstance; in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. And how cheerfully may we depend upon it, that, if when we were enemies we were reconciled by his death, we shall by his life obtain complete salvation: and that his living care will accomplish, what his dying love has begun.

He will feed his flock, he will gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and be very tender of the lives of those for whom he laid down his own.

Let us observe how the blessed Jesus *lifts up the* hands which were hanging

wn, and strengthens the feeble knees.
e saw that the church of Ephesus had
ft its first love, that the church of Sardis
ıd a name to live, but was dead; yet
ıat there was a little handful amongst
ıem who had not defiled their garments:
ıat the church of Philadelphia had but a
ttle strength; and that of Laodicea was
either cold nor hot. Yet a gracious
edeemer does not immediately disown
ıem! but on the one hand kindly ad-
ıonishes them of their danger; lest grow-
ıg apostacy and degeneracy should pro-
ıke him to remove their candlestick out
f its place; to cast them out as loathsome;
r to wound them with the sword of his
outh, that is his word. And on the other
and, he encourages them to greater fide-
ty and zeal by a promise of eating of the
uit of the tree of life, of being clothed in
hite raiment, of being confessed before
ıe Father and his holy angels, and of
ıtting down with him on his victorious
ırone. And, as for his faithful Smyr-
ians, he not only applauds their former
onduct; but animates them against the
errors of imprisonment and other tribu-
ıtions, by assuring them he would give
hem a crown of life. And to the Phila-
lphians, who, though they were weak

had kept his word, he gives the gracious assurance, that he also would keep them from the approaching hour of temptation, until at length he made them pillars in the house of God above, and gave them a new name in his holy city.

HYMN

For Monday Morning.

The Lord my pasture shall prepare,
And feed me with a shepherd's care;
His presence shall my wants supply,
And guard me with a watchful eye;
My noon-day walks he shall attend,
And all my midnight hours defend.

When in the sultry glebe I faint,
Or in the thirsty mountain pant,
To fertile vales and dewy meads
My weary, wandering, steps he leads;
Where peaceful rivers soft and slow,
Amid the verdant landscape flow.

Though in a bare and rugged way,
Through devious, lonely, wilds I stray,
Thy bounty shall my wants beguile;
The barren wilderness shall smile
With sudden greens and herbage crown'd,
And streams shall murmur all around.

Though in the paths of death I tread,
With gloomy horrors overspread,
My steadfast heart shall fear no ill,
For thou, O Lord! art with me still;
Thy friendly crook shall give me aid,
And guide me through the dreadful shade.

PRAYER

For Monday Morning.

) thou Shepherd of Israel, who neither
mberest nor sleepest, graciously regard
who are now assembled together to
nk thee for thy care over us through
darkness and dangers of the night;
l to entreat thy protection, guidance,
l blessing through the day to which
u hast mercifully brought us. We ac-
owledge, O Lord, that we are altogether
vorthy thy protection; and confess with
me and contrition, that we have all
ie astray from thee like lost sheep, and
e turned every one to his own way.
st justly mightest thou leave us to eat
he fruit thereof, and to be filled with
own devices. But we flee unto thee,
u good Shepherd, who hast given thy
for the sheep. Surely thou hast borne
griefs, and carried our sorrows. Thou

wast wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities; and the Lord hath laid upon thee the iniquity of us all. For thine own name's sake therefore, we beseech thee to have mercy upon us; and though we have been as sheep going astray, incline us to return unto thee, the Shepherd and the Bishop of our souls. We look up unto thee for guidance, preservation, and strength. Lead us in the paths of righteousness for thy name's sake. Keep us in the way in which we should go, and guide us with thine eye. Give unto us eternal life, and let us never perish; neither let any one pluck us out of thy hand.

Be thou, Lord, our Shepherd, and we shall not want. Let thy loving-kindness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives. And when we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, be thou still with us. Let thy rod and thy staff comfort and support us: and, at the last, graciously receive us into thy heavenly fold; there with thy people, and the sheep of thy pasture, to give thee thanks for ever and ever.

O thou who feedest thy flock like a shepherd, guide and protect thy helpless sheep, scattered abroad through the wil-

is of this world. Mercifully guard
rom those who lie in wait to deceive;
articularly from the great enemy of
who as a roaring lion, goeth about
ig whom he may devour; and let
ig separate them from thy everlast-
ve. Gather the lambs in thy arms,
arry them in thy bosom, and say unto
"Fear not, little flock, it is your
r's good pleasure to give you the
om." And grant that, as one fold
one shepherd, they may learn of thee,
rt meek and lowly in heart, to dwell
her in peace and love. These pray-
or ourselves and others, we humbly
up to the throne of grace, in the
, and through the mediation of Jesus
t our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

HYMN

For Monday Evening.

I love my Shepherd's voice;
His watchful eyes shall keep
My wandering soul among
The thousands of his sheep:
He feeds his flock,
He calls their names;
His bosom bears
The tender lambs.

Be thou my counsellor,
My pattern and my guide;
And through this desert land
Still keep me near thy side:
O let my feet
Ne'er run astray,
Nor rove, nor seek
The crooked way!

PRAYER

For Monday Evening.

FOR INCREASE OF GRACE.

O God of all grace, who gavest thy
loved Son that we might have life, a
that we might have it more abundant
we beseech thee to grant that of his f
ness we may receive grace sufficient
us, to make us strong in the Lord, a
ready to every good work. Thy peo
thou hast said, shall go from strength
strength, growing in grace, till they app
before thee in glory; and the path
the just is as the shining light, wh
shineth more and more unto the perf
day. But, O Lord, how barren and
fruitful have we been among the trees
righteousness! how weak are we s
in our spiritual estate! how small is

and strength to that which is good! v much are we behind many of thy vants in the Christian race. O our d, we have not well improved the talents th which thou hast entrusted us, nor swered the care and kindness of heaven, hich we have so long experienced; we e ashamed that so many mercies have een lost upon us. Forgive us, O Lord, nd repair thy holy image in us. O help us more and more to put off the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and to put on the new man, which, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness. Whatever else we want, Lord deny us not thy grace, but increase it in us more and more; yea, let the graces of thy Spirit that accompany salvation so flourish in our souls, that the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus.

Blessed Jesus, our life, our strength, and our Redeemer! strengthen in us, we beseech thee, the things that remain and are ready to die; and cherish all the seeds of grace sown in our hearts. May our souls prosper and increase with *the increase of* God; growing in *knowledge and grace*, and abounding

in all the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to thy praise and glory: that so we may be fully satisfied of the truth of thy grace in us by the abundance of its fruits. Carry on, O Lord! with power the work of faith and sanctification in our souls; that our sinful corruptions may grow weaker and weaker day by day, and thy grace stronger and stronger. Let it take more entire possession of our souls, subduing every corrupt affection, every proud thought, and bringing all into the obedience of faith. May grace so prevail in our hearts, as to make the exercises of it easy, and delightful, regular, and constant; and may the sins that most easily beset us, be more and more subdued. Let pride be mortified, however painful we may feel it; till we think of ourselves no more highly than we ought to think; till we can bear injuries, and slight, and contempt with meekness, as followers of the meek, and humble Jesus; and may we be clothed with humility. Thus may every sin be more subdued, and every grace growing and abounding within us, and forgetting the things that are behind, may we press forward till we come to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, and grace reign in all our hearts,

uniting us in love, and preparing us for the family of heaven, where it shall be ripened into glory. We ask every blessing in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Tuesday Morning.

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh I will in nowise cast out." John vi. 37.

How welcome should these words be to our souls! When we consider our unworthiness, what reason have we to fear that he should cast us out! Most justly might he frown upon us and reject us; but his promise is, "I will in nowise cast out." When it is said he will not cast out him that cometh, the meaning is, that he will receive him, and entertain him, and give him all that he needs.

They shall be taught of God. Their understandings shall be enlightened. None will come to Christ but such as have learned of the Father. We shall never be brought to Christ but under divine guidances; un-

less God, by his grace, enlighten our minds, inform our judgment, and rectify our mistakes; and not only tell us that we may *hear*, but teach us that we may *learn* the truth as it is in Jesus.

The nature of this work is drawing; not a force compelling against the will; but a change wrought in it; a new bias given to the soul, by which it inclines to God. He that formed the soul of man within him, knows how to new mould it; to alter its bent and temper, and to make it conformable to himself. He can take away our natural enmity to him, and give us a spirit of adoption, and cause us to cry unto him, Abba; Father.

He can enable us to say, He is my Father: I know, therefore, he will pity me as a father pitieth his children: he will pardon and spare me as a father spareth his son that serves him. He is my Father? then whither should I go but to him for protection in all my dangers? for direction in all my difficulties? for satisfaction in all my doubts? for supply in all my wants? Mercy and tenderness are attributes which he delights in; mercy pleaseth him. It was that great attribute that he proclaimed his name by, causing his sun to shine on the evil and the good: and surely he that

hath mercy and goodness for a stranger, cannot deny it to a child. But if we have a spirit of adoption, and are the sons and daughters; then also are we heirs of God, through Christ. And here is that lively hope given to us in our Saviour's parting words, "I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, ye may be also." This is a hope that maketh not ashamed; a hope of that glory which my Saviour came down from heaven to purchase by his blood; a hope of a joyful resurrection after death; a hope of that glorious appearance of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; a hope of that blissful sentence, in the presence of men and angels, "Come ye blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you;" and a hope of an everlasting state of happiness and glory, in the presence of angels, and of saints made perfect.

Let us fix our faith, and encourage our hope upon those animating words of our Lord, "Be not afraid, I have overcome the world." "Fear not, little flock: for it is your Father's *good* pleasure to give you the *kingdom.*" *Let* us with the Apostle, *lively faith and hope*, anticipate that tr

umphant song, "Thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

HYMN

For Tuesday Morning.

Is there a sight in earth or heav'n
Can such delight impart,
As Jesu's wide extended arm,
And softly melting heart?

"All that my heavenly Father gives
Shall come," the Saviour cries:
"And ev'ry trembling soul that comes,
Finds favour in mine eyes."

Hearken, ye dying sinners all;
And hasten, while ye hear;
For crowds of wretched souls at once
May find their refuge there.

I hear thy voice, and I obey;
For at thy feet I fall;
Nor shall the tempter's voice prevail
Against the Saviour's call.

PRAYER

For Tuesday Morning.

ON THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

O most merciful Lord God, thou hast proclaimed thyself to be the Lord: the Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. What grace and mercy hast thou bestowed upon us sinful creatures in permitting us to approach thee, who art glorious in holiness, and fearful in praises, doing wonders.

It is in thee we live, and move, and have our being; and we would say, bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all his benefits. But, above all, we bless thee for the richer mercies of thy redeeming grace and forgiving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessed be thy name, who hast pitied a sinful world, and sent thy dear Son to die, that we might live; and hath raised him again for our justification. O cause us to feel more of thy forgiving mercy; make us more sensible how much we need it, Iniquity, transgression, an

sin, have abounded within us; O grant us such a sight of sin, as may melt our hard hearts: and may we see thy forbearance in the blessings thou continuest to bestow upon us. O Lord, who pardonest iniquity, transgression, and sin, in every degree, and under every aggravation, mercifully forgive our iniquities; and draw us by the cords of mercy nearer to thyself. Above all, may that love which gave thy only begotten Son to die for sinners, which angels desire to look into, pass before us in all its fulness and glory! O let thy good Spirit take of the things of Christ, and shew them unto us; that our consciences may be awakened, our understanding enlightened, our will bowed to the obedience of faith; our affections fixed on heavenly things, and our hearts enriched with divine graces and comforts. And whilst we are mourning over the evils of our hearts and lives, O lead us to that fountain of atoning blood, by which we may be cleansed and pardoned. Bring us to the foot of the Redeemer's cross; and enable us to say with believing hearts, My Lord and my God.

Thy goodness has followed us all our days; may this day be among the many that thou hast blessed. Bless us, heavenly

ıther, in our going out and coming in, ıd in all our lawful undertakings: above l may our souls be in health, and prosper; ıd may thy goodness be our daily song. very day will we bless thee, and praise y name for ever and ever. And may we ;ain tell of thy loving-kindness in the ·ening: thus may we sing of thy redeem-g love on earth, till we join the general sembly of the church of the first-born heaven, through the atonement and me-ts of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen and men.

HYMN

For Tuesday Evening.

Emptied of earth I fain would be;
Of sin, of self, of all but thee:
Reserv'd for Christ who bled and died,
Surrender'd to be crucified.

Sequester'd from the noise and strife,
The lust, the pomp, the pride of life:
Prepar'd for heaven, my noblest care;
To have my conversation there.

Nothing save Jesus would I know;
My friend, and my companion, thou:
Lord, *take my heart,* assert thy right
And put all other joys to flight.

Each idol tread beneath thy feet,
And to thyself the conquest get:
Let sin no more oppose my Lord,
Slain by the Spirit's two edg'd sword.

Detached from sublunary joys,
Lord, let me only hear thy voice;
Thy beauty see, thy grace admire;
Nor glow but with celestial fire.

Larger communion let me prove
With thee, blest object of my love:
But, Oh! for this no power have I;
My strength is at thy feet to lie.

PRAYER

For Tuesday Evening.

Infinitely great, and gracious God, glory exceeds our utmost thoughts; thy mercies are over all thy works. thy sinful creatures, have especial rea to admire and adore, not only thy tience, which bears with us, notwi standing all that we have done agai thee; but likewise thy never-ceasing bo ty, by which our comforts are continu and our wants supplied. We desire *approach thee*, as our kind and merc *Father, in Jesus* Christ; humbly bese

ıg thee that our sins may be washed
way through faith in his most precious
lood; and that thou wouldest give us a
ıfficient measure of thy grace and Holy
pirit, to enable us to resist and overcome
ıem. Thou didst create man, O Lord,
fter thine own blessed image; but we have
estroyed ourselves, and come short of thy
lory: the crown is fallen from our heads;
nd woe unto us, for we are sinners both
y nature and practice; justly mightest
hou swear in thy wrath, that we should
ot enter into thy rest. Yet suffer us to
lead in faith thy gracious promise, that
whoever trusteth in the Saviour thou hast
rovided, and cometh unto thee by him,
hall never come unto thee in vain, nor fall
nto condemnation; but have everlasting
ife for his sake. Lord, we would believe:
) help our unbelief! work in us an un-
eigned repentance towards God, and a
ight faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; that
ve may be of the number of them that
epent and believe to the saving of the soul.
Save us, O Lord, from our sinful selves;
rom the love of the present evil world;
nd from every thing that opposes thy
race, and wars against our souls. Es-
ablish *us in thy love*; strengthen us to
erform thy will; and settle our faith o

Christ, the rock of ages. To thy merc
him we would humbly commit ourse
this night. Be thou our shield to de
us against every danger; and grant u
it please thee, rest of body and peac
mind. Let the voice of joy and healt
heard in our dwelling. Comfort all
want the comforts we enjoy; and g
suitable supplies of mercy, both spiri
and temporal, to all the afflicted, wh
soever they are, and howsoever tried.
member, with the favour that thou b
est to thy people, our absent friends
relations: be thou a friend to them,
may they stand in a covenant relatio
thee. Make them and us, such as
wouldest have us to be, and such as
wilt accept in Christ Jesus, here to
gracious favour, and hereafter to thy
rious kingdom. Hear us, O Lord, in
half of ourselves and others. Above
hear the Son of thy love, the lover of
souls, who intercedes we trust for us
thy right hand. To him, with thyself,
the blessed Spirit, enable us to as
everlasting praise and glory. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Wednesday Morning.

THE INWARD WITNESS.

"He that believeth on the Son of God, hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God, hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son." 1 John v. 10.

Here we see the privilege and stability of the real christian, "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself." He hath not only the outward evidence that others have; but he hath in his own heart also a testimony for Jesus Christ. He can alledge what Christ, and the truth of Christ have done for his soul; and what he has seen and found in him. He has seen his sin, guilt, and misery; and his utter need of such a Saviour. He has seen the excellency, beauty, and office of the Son of God; and the incomparable suitableness of such a Saviour to all his spiritual wants. He sees and admires the wisdom and love of God, in preparing and sending such a Saviour to deliver him from sin and hell; and to raise him to pardon, peace, and communion with God. He feels the power of the word and doctrin

of Christ wounding, healing, quickening, and comforting his soul. He finds that the revelation of Christ, as it is the greatest discovery of the love of God to man, so it is the most powerful means of kindling and enflaming his love to God. He is born of God by the truth of Christ; and has a new heart and nature, a new love, disposition, and delight; and is not the same man he formerly was. Moreover he finds just such a conflict with himself, with sin, with the flesh, the world, and invisible wicked powers, as is described and provided for in the doctrine of Christ. He finds such prospects and such strength afforded him by the faith of Christ, that he can despise and overcome the world, and travel on towards a better. He learns what interest the Mediator hath in heaven, by the answers he receives to those prayers that are sent thither in his name, according to his will, and through his intercession. He is begotten again unto a lively hope; to a holy confidence in God, in his good will and love; to a joyful victory over the terrors of conscience, the dread of death and hell; to a comfortable prospect of life and immortality! being enriched with the earnest of the Spirit, and sealed to the day of redemption. Such assurance has the believer

in the gospel: he has a witness in himself. Christ is formed in him; and he is growing up to the fulness and perfection, or perfect image of Christ in heaven.

HYMN

For Wednesday Morning.

Witness ye saints that Christ is true;
  Tell how his name imparts
The life of grace and glory too;
  Ye have it in your hearts.

The heavenly building is begun,
  When ye receive the Lord;
His hands shall lay the crowning stone,
  And will perform his word.

Your souls are form'd by wisdom's rules;
  Your joys and graces shine;
You need no learning of the schools
  To prove your faith divine.

Let a vain world with scoffs oppose;
  Let Satan's bolts be hurl'd;
There's something wrought within you shows,
  That Jesus saves the world.

PRAYER

For Wednesday Morning.

Unto *thee, O God,* do we give thanks: *yea unto thee will we* give thanks; because

thy name is nigh, and thy wondrous w
declare thee. We beseech thee gracio
to hear us at this time, to pardon
manifold sins, and supply our nume
wants. O write a law of thankful
upon our hearts, for the experience
have already had of thy goodness;
kindly go on to be nigh unto us in all
we call upon thee for. Wash away
sins of the night past, and those of
day hitherto. Who can tell how oft
offendeth? none but thou who knowes
things. O cleanse thou us from our se
faults, and from our original deprav
May we be justified fully and freely
thy grace, through the redemption
is in Christ Jesus, and sanctified by
renewing efficacy of thy blessed Sp
We humbly pray thee to bless us in
our waiting upon thee: we are gath
together in thy name at the footstoo
thy throne of grace: O Lord Jesus,
thou in the midst of us, and give u
us a well grounded hope of our inte
in thy precious blood. We depend
thy righteousness, blood-shedding,
intercession; as the altar which sancti
every sacrifice of prayer and praise wh
we offer up. Since it is only through t
that our persons and our services

be acceptable to the Father; O mingle our addresses with the incense of thy intercession, that they may rise up as a memorial before God. O thou risen and ascended Saviour, may our hearts and affections tend upwards to thy throne in heaven; that by faith in thy adorable person and infinite merits, and by the exercise of continual obedience and deadness to the world, we may safely hope to be with thee where thou art, and behold thy glory. O our heavenly Father, we acknowledge that all the blessings, spiritual and temporal, which we have received from our earliest existence to this day, have proceeded from thy free and unmerited goodness. If the continuance of thy favours were to be regulated by our deserts, how soon would they be withdrawn! Therefore, not unto us, O Lord, not unto us; but unto thy name be the praise. Hear us, O God of our salvation; and do more for us than we are able to ask or think, for the sake of thy beloved Son, our adorable Redeemer: to whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all glory, and adoration, by the church above, and the church below, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

For Wednesday Evening.

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
With all thy quick'ning powers:
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.

Look how we grovel here below,
Fond of these trifling toys;
Our souls, how heavily they go
To reach eternal joys.

In vain we tune our formal songs,
In vain we strive to rise;
Hosannahs languish on our tongues,
And our devotion dies.

Dear Lord! and shall we ever live
At this poor dying rate;
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee,
And thine to us so great?

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
With all thy quick'ning powers;
Come shed abroad a Saviour's love,
And that shall kindle ours.

PRAYER

For Wednesday Evening.

O thou God of love, whose tender mer-
es are over all thy works: and who in
y abounding loving kindness hast said,
Delight thyself in the Lord, and he shall
lfil the desires of thine heart;" we come
:fore thee, confessing with deep humility
ıd contrition, that thy love has been
ost unworthily neglected by our ungrate-
l hearts, or we might have dwelt in the
ıjoyment of thy favour which is better
ıan life. O that henceforth we may make
.e Lord our refuge, and the most High
ır habitation, and that in the multitude
' our thoughts within us thy comforts
ay delight our souls; may we rejoice in
believing view of thy reconciled face,
ıd be enabled from blessed experience to
.y, "Whom have we in heaven but thee,
ıd there is none upon earth that we de-
re in comparison of thee."

O how plainly hast thou declared, in
ıe condescension, sufferings, death, and
.tercession of thy dear Son, thy wondrous
ve to the sons of men! What love hast
ıou *shewn in the* course of thy provi-
nce, in preservations and deliverances

thou hast conducted us by thy unerring wisdom, and crowned us with loving-kindness and tender mercies! Thou hast manifested thy love to us in all thy precious promises, and in the glorious provision thou hast made for us through Jesus Christ to all eternity.

We lament, O Lord, that thy love has been so much lost upon us. If at any time we have been drawn towards thee by the cords of thy mercy; how soon, alas! have our carnal minds been again entangled by earthly vanities. The darkness, the sluggishness, and the earthliness of our hearts, has kept us from thee our God: and our iniquities as a thick cloud have hid thy face from us. O that we had walked with thee and dwelt with thee in righteousness, peace and joy. This sinful distance from thee, our God, has been our grievous loss. Mercifully grant us that nearer admittance to thy presence, which alone can constitute our recovery and our joy. O help our souls to lay hold on Jesus, our reconciler; and through him to abide in thy love. Increase our faith, and give us some evidence that eternal life is begun within us, and while we continue here, help us more and more to take up our cross and follow Jesus, in sobriety,

righteousness, and godliness of life. There is nothing we would more desire than that doing righteousness, we may be righteous even as he is righteous. Assist us, we beseech thee, to attain this great end of his sufferings and death, the purchase of his cross, and the promise of his love. Preserve in us a constant sense of the great value of our souls, for which he died, and especially raise us to a greater height of love and gratitude, and of hope and confidence in thy infinite mercies, of which we have such strong assurance, in that he was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification.

May we live above the tempting allurements of this world, and delight ourselves in thee; walking as seeing him who is invisible, till we arrive at the heavenly city, where the sun of our joy shall go down no more, but the glory of God and of the Lamb shall be our light for ever and ever. O Lord accept these our prayers for the sake of thy beloved Son our only Mediator and Advocate.

MEDITATION

For Thursday Morning.

"*Blessed are the poor* in spirit, for theirs is the *kingdom of heaven.*" Matt. v. 3.

The foundation of all graces is laid

humility; those that would build high must begin low. It is an excellent preparative for the entrance of gospel grace into the soul: it fits the soil to receive the seed.

The general opinion is, blessed are the rich, the great, the honourable; who spend their days in mirth, and their years in pleasure. Our Lord Jesus Christ in this chapter gives us quite another view of blessedness; and from him, it is, that the Christian takes his ideas of happiness.

To be poor in spirit is, to be humbled, to be low in our own eyes: it is to acknowledge that God is great, and that we are mean; that he is holy, and we are sinful; that he is all, and we are nothing to be watching daily at God's gates, waiting at the posts of his doors, always in want of his grace; it is to esteem others better than ourselves. It is to renounce our own righteousness and strength, and depend only upon the merit of Christ for our justification, and upon the Spirit of Christ for our sanctification. That broken and contrite spirit with which the Publican cried, "God be merciful to me a sinner," is this poverty of spirit. Such are blessed blessed in the favour of God; to them he gives more grace; they live the most con

table lives, and are kind and tender arted to themselves and all about them. eirs is the kingdom of heaven. High rits are carried away by the glory of kingdoms of this world; but the hum- obtain the glory of the kingdom of aven.

As in our greatest abundance we must t think to live without God; so in our eatest straits we must learn to live upon n; and when the fig-tree doth not blos- n, and the fields yield no meat, still to oice in the Lord, in full persuasion that, some way or other, God will provide.

HYMN

For Thursday Morning.

Lord, if thou the grace impart,
Poor in spirit, meek in heart,
I shall as my Master be,
Rooted in humility.

From the time that thee I know,
Nothing great I'd seek below;
Pleas'd with all the Lord provides,
Wean'd from all the world besides.

Simple, teachable, and mild,
Humble as a little child,
Ev'ry evil let me flee,
Father, fix my soul on thee.

Oh ! that all may seek and find,
Ev'ry good in Jesus join'd !
Him let Israel still adore,
Trust him, praise him, evermore.

PRAYER

For Thursday Morning.

O Thou, who hast borne so lo
us, and done so much for us ; o
alone cometh our salvation, and b
we escape death ; moved by a s
our necessities, and encouraged
daily experience of thy mercies, w
still to shelter ourselves under the
of thy wings, and to continue ou
cations at the throne of thy grac
humbly entreating thee, who fa
the hearts of the children of men, t
wouldest prepare our hearts to c
thy sacred presence, and to call u
blessed name. O pour down up
spirit of grace and of supplication
good Spirit help our infirmities, a
us how to pray. We who are but
ashes—we who have but too just
fear lest our great and manifold sin
provoke thee to hide thy face from
shut up thy loving-kindness in
sure, have taken upon us to sp

ee, the Sovereign Majesty of heaven and rth. O be merciful to us sinners, for the ke of him whom thou hast exalted to be Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance ıto his people, and forgiveness of sins. eal our souls, which have greatly sinned ;ainst thee: heal our backslidings, and ve us freely: take away our ungodliness, new us daily unto repentance; establish ır hearts in thy faith, and fear, and love. Hold up our goings in thy paths, that ır foot-steps slip not. Make us, in the rength of thy grace, to go on conquering ıd to conquer all the enemies of our ıuls, and all the hindrances of our salva-ɔn, until thou hast bruised Satan under ır feet.

We bless thee for the mercies of the ıst night. We laid us down to sleep, ıd have risen again; for thou hast sus-ined us, and made us to dwell in safety. ay we ever experience the comfort of y protection, and the help of thy divine ace! May we find thee indeed to be a od of pardon, and a God of sanctifica-ɔn. Dispose of us, we beseech thee, and 'all that concerns us this day, to the glory ' thy name. Keep us at all times, in all *aces, and in all* companies, from the evil *sin, and from* all other evils to which

the greatness of our sins expose us. An
take thou, O heavenly Father, the charge
guidance, and government of us; lead u
by thy counsel through this world, unti
thou hast brought us to thy kingdom an
glory. In the mean time sanctify to us al
thy dealings with us; and seal us thine t
the great day of redemption, for the sak
of thy tender mercies, and the abundan
merits of Jesus Christ, our most blesse
Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

HYMN

For Thursday Evening.

Ye humble souls rejoice,
  And cheerful triumphs sing;
Wake all your harmony of voice,
  For Jesus is your King.

That meek and lowly Lord,
  Whom here your souls have known,
Pledges the honour of his word
  T' avow you for his own.

He brings salvation near,
  For which his blood was paid;
How beauteous shall your souls appear,
  Thus sumptuously array'd!

Salvation, Lord, is thine;
And all thy saints confess,
The royal robes in which they shine,
Were wrought by sov'reign grace.

PRAYER

For Thursday Evening.

O Lord, the infinite, incomprehensible Jehovah; thou hast heaven for thy throne, and earth for thy footstool; and all things are in thy sight and at thy disposal. Thou art the great searcher of our hearts, and the observer of our lives, here and every where present. Thou compassest our path, and our lying down, and art acquainted with all our ways. Lord, prepare our hearts to attend upon thy glorious, all-seeing Majesty. Work in us, by the power of thy grace, that change which we cannot work in ourselves; for of ourselves we are vile and helpless. Justly mightest thou withdraw thy tender mercies from us, and pour out thy wrath and indignation upon us to the uttermost; making us to feel, by dreadful experience, that it is an evil and bitter thing to depart from thee, the living God. But thy patience is wonderful, thy goodness is infinite; and, as is thy majesty, *so is thy mercy.* We therefore humbly

beseech thee to stretch forth the har
thy power and grace, which alone is
to deliver us, who are tied and bound
the chain of our sins; call us effectu
and we shall come unto thee; drav
and we shall run after thee. Cause
feel, to abhor, and to forsake
iniquities: and, give us a well-grou
apprehension of our being justified thr
the redemption that is in Jesus. Fo
sake, vouchsafe us the sanctifying i
ences of thy Spirit, to transform us
thine own image, and to strengthen u
all the duties of thy service. Perfe
Lord, that which concerneth us: and
us such, both in our hearts, and lives,
we may enjoy thy peace here, and be
meet for the inheritance of thy hea
glory above. O satisfy us with thy fa
and enable us to rejoice in a sense o
gracious acceptance of us, and me
intentions towards us in the Son o
love. Speak peace to our conscie
Say to each of our souls, I am thy salva
that we may rejoice in thee as our
and Father in Jesus Christ. And as
hast been good and kind to us throug
day past, so may we experience
continuance of thy fatherly care ov
this night Preserve us from all

uchsafe to favour us with such needful
ose as may refresh and strengthen us
our respective duties. Prepare us
ecially, we earnestly entreat thee, most
y God, for the final sleep of death; and
solemn account we must shortly give
he judgment-seat of Christ. When our
ls are required of us, and we are
clothed of the body, grant that we may
be found spiritually destitute; un-
inkled with the blood of thy Son,
clothed with the robe of his justifying
hteousness, nor unadorned with the
ces of thy sanctifying Spirit. O cause
in this our day, the day of life, the only
son of preparation, to know and follow
er the things pertaining to our everlast-
peace, before they are for ever hidden
m our eyes. Accomplish the work of
grace upon our hearts, and cause us to
ish the work thou hast given us to do.
d whenever thou shalt be pleased to
l us hence, we may have nothing to do
t to depart in peace, according to thy
rd; to quit the body with cheerfulness;
d in faith fearlessly to commend our
rits into thy gracious hands trust-
in the riches of thy grace, and the
ing merits of thy blessed Son. And for
hat he has so wonderfully effected t
ver us, and to obtain eternal redem

tion for us: for whatever good thou
wrought in us; and for the hope of
thou hast given us: to thy name, O bl
God of our salvation, we would ascri
praise and glory, now and for ever
Amen.

MEDITATION

For Friday Morning.

"Therefore I say unto you, Take no th
for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye
drink, nor yet for your bodies, what ye sha
on.' Matt. vi. 25.

"*I say unto you.*" What is it that
saith? "*Take no thought for your*
He saith it as our lawgiver, and the sove
of our hearts: he saith it as our comf
and the helper of our joy.

The care he forbids is, a disquieting
menting care, which distracts the
and causes it to hang in suspense; v
disturbs our joy in God, and casts a
upon our hope in him; which hinder
enjoyment of what God has given us.
forbids distrustful, unbelieving thou
and commands us to cast all our care
him, and let our souls dwell at ease
lieving his gracious assurance, th
careth for us. Take no thought

: continuance of life; refer it to God to
gthen or shorten it as he pleases, saying,
Iy times are in thy hand." And with
pect to the comforts of this life; refer
:m also to God, to embitter or sweeten
he pleases. He has maintained our lives
:herto; he has protected us and kept us
ve. He that guards us against all evil
ll supply us with every necessary good.
he had been pleased to let us perish, he
ould not have given his angels charge
ncerning us to keep us. Behold the
vls of the air; for they sow not, neither
they reap, nor gather into barns; yet
ur heavenly Father feedeth them: are
not much better than they? Look upon
em, and learn to trust in God. Consider
e lilies of the field. God has arrayed
em in all their beauty, surpassing that of
lomon in his glory. If he so clothe the
ort lived grass, much more will he clothe
u whom he hath chosen for immortality.
ven the children of *Nineveh* were pre-
rred before the gourd; much more the
ns of Zion, who are in covenant with
eir God. "*O ye of little faith.*" This may
: taken as an encouragement to weak
ith. True faith, though it be but weak,
an earnest of the divine care. Great faith
ill be commended, and bring in gre?

things; but little faith shall not be n
lected. Your heavenly Father know
you have need of these things.
the excellences of the creature must f
from God, the fountain and spring of th
all. And though he is in heaven and
upon earth, he observes what the least
us hath occasion for; and he will provi

HYMN

For Friday Morning.

Quiet, Lord, my froward heart,
Make me teachable and mild,
Upright, simple, free from art,
Make me as a weaned child:
From distrust and envy free,
Pleas'd with all that pleases thee.

What thou shalt to-day provide,
Let me as a child receive;
What to-morrow may betide,
Calmly to thy wisdom leave;
'Tis enough that Thou wilt care,
Why should I the burden bear?

As a little child relies
On a care beyond his own;
Knows he's neither strong nor wise;
Fears to stir a step alone:
Let me thus with thee abide,
As my Father, Guard, and Guide.

Thus preserv'd from Satan's wiles,
Safe from dangers, free from fears,
May I live upon thy smiles,
Till the promis'd hour appears;
When the sons of God shall prove,
All their Father's boundless love.

PRAYER

For Friday Morning.

) most high and gracious God! Father
ur Lord Jesus Christ, we desire to draw
h unto thee acknowledging that we are
ıe, for thou hast made us, and not we
selves. O may we in heart and mind
end unto thy dwelling-place; and with
owliness worship at the footstool of thy
ious Majesty. May we with confidence
delight approach thee, our heavenly
her, as dear children. Bless our souls
ı such holy and lively faith as may en-
ten our minds, purify our hearts, and
ıence our lives. May we receive the
d Jesus Christ as set forth in the Gos-
as a propitiation, as a Prince, and a
iour, and desire more thoroughly to
rove ourselves sincere unfeigned pe-
nts, that we may obtain through him
lon, justification, and eternal life. En-
us to trust in thine almighty power

to help and save; in thy loving-kindness to pity and relieve; and in thy exceeding great and precious promises made unto all that wait upon thee. May thy grace be manifested this day in our life and conversation. Make us watchful over ourselves, over our thoughts, words, and actions; watchful against all evil, and watching unto prayer. Remind us, O God, that thine eye is ever upon us, and may we walk as those on whom thy name is called. May we be careful for nothing, but in every thing give thanks; and make known our requests unto thee by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving. And when at any time thou shalt see fit, in thine infinite wisdom and love, to withhold an immediate answer to our petitions, be graciously pleased, O Father, to give us such a measure of faith, hope, and patience, as may bear us up in all the changes of this mortal life. And in whatsoever state we are, may we learn therewith to be content. May we know how to be abased, as well as how to be exalted; to want as well as to abound; to have nothing as well as to possess all things. And though the fig tree should not blossom, and no fruit be found on the vine; though the labor of the olive should fail, and the field yield no increase;

though there be no sheep in the fold, or herd in the stall; may we still trust in the Lord, and be joyful in the God of our salvation. May we remember, O Lord, that thou canst cause rivers to flow from the rock, and furnish a table in the wilderness: that by thee even the hairs of our heads are all numbered; and none ever trusted in thee, and were confounded. And thus may we run our race, fight the good fight, keep the faith, and live the life of the righteous; and at length may our last end be like his. Whenever these earthly tabernacles shall be dissolved, may our souls be safely conveyed to the mansions of the blessed in the heavens; to the innumerable company of angels, to the spirits of the just made perfect, and to God the judge of all; to receive from him that crown of life which fadeth not away. Now to the Lamb that was slain, and has redeemed us to God by his blood, be glory, dominion, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

For Friday Evening.

While I liv'd without the Lord,
(If I might be said to live,)
Nothing could relief afford,
No thing satisfaction give.

Empty hopes, and groundless fear,
  Mov'd by turns my anxious mind;
Like a feather in the air,
  Made the sport of ev'ry wind.

Now I see, whate'er betide,
  All is well if Christ be mine:
He has promis'd to provide;
  I have only to resign.

When a sense of sin and thrall
  Forc'd me to the sinner's Friend,
He engag'd to manage all,
  By the way and to the end.

"Cast," he said, "on me thy care,
  'Tis enough that I am nigh:
I will all thy burdens bear,
  I will all thy wants supply.

"Simply follow as I lead;
  Do not reason, but believe:
Call on me in time of need,
  Thou shalt surely help receive."

Lord, I would, I do submit,
  Gladly yield my all to thee;
What thy wisdom sees most fit
  Must be, surely, best for me.

Only when the way is rough,
  And our timid flesh would start;
Let thy promise and thy love
  Cheer and animate my heart.

PRAYER

For Friday Evening.

st holy, great, and glorious God,
ighty Creator of heaven and earth,
holdest all things by the word of
er, and art unsearchable in wisdom,
and mercy; the praises of angels
nitely below thy transcendant ex-
es! How then shall we sufficiently
thee! But thou hast graciously
ended to say, "Whoso offereth me
he glorifieth me:" we would, there-
esire to bless thine unspeakable
hich has revealed thyself in the
of our Lord Jesus Christ, not only
Lord most mighty; but also as the
nost merciful, and abundant in
kindness. Enable us, O Lord,
to abhor ourselves; and to be
in dust and ashes, that we have so
d from thee, and walked after
We have, indeed, destroyed our-
But we would with all our souls
thy holy name, that in thee is help
ound: and that thou hast laid help
ne who is mighty to save; even
who is able to save to the utter

most all that come unto God by him, ever liveth to make intercession for th To him would we look, and upon would we depend, for the pardon of sins, and the salvation of our souls. that we may know him, and the powe his resurrection, and the fellowship of sufferings, and be made conformable his death. May the cross of Christ be means of crucifying the world unto and us unto the world. Make us foll ers of Christ as dear children, adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in things. We would most thankfully knowledge the manifold tokens we h received of thy long suffering, patie and forbearance. O that there wer every one of us a heart to know thee ter; to meditate continually on thy m cies; to love thee entirely; to search the designs of thy goodness towards Empty our hearts of all other thi Draw us, and we shall run after t Help us to shew our love to thee, by gr ing in acquaintance with thee; and h constant doing of thy will on earth, a is done in heaven.

As thy ways are ways of pleasantn *and all thy* paths peace; grant that *may never* admit a thought against

urity and strictness of thy holy law. May
ve always admire and approve it; may we
elight in it after the inner man. Manifest,
ve pray thee, thy powerful grace in con-
uering our will; and assist us to go from
trength to strength, and so run our Chris-
ian race as to obtain the heavenly prize.
May thy daily providential dispensations,
whether afflictive or prosperous, quicken
us in our pursuit of thine everlasting
rest: and prepare our minds by holy trust
and fortitude, for what every night or
day may bring forth; persuaded that
whatever thou doest will be in wisdom
and in love. May we lie down this night
in peace with thee; and at last may we
lie down and sleep in Jesus; to whom
with the Father, and the eternal Spirit, be
glory for ever. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Saturday Morning.

"That your joy might be full." John. xv. 2.

It is the pleasure of our bounteous Lord, that none of his family should want comfort; he would have our joys exceed our sorrows. Greatly as he delights in to

humble and contrite soul; yet he rejoices still more in those that cheerfully trust in him. Hath our Lord spread a table in the wilderness, and furnished it with the promises of everlasting glory! Hath he set before us that flesh which is meat indeed, and that blood which is drink indeed! Has he invited us to sit down and feed; and furnished us with faith and love; and has he not then a desire that we should rejoice in him? O let not our unbelieving souls ever charge our uncomfortable heaviness upon him, who has offered the highest delights that heaven can afford, and God can bestow. Does he not bid us delight ourselves in the Lord; and promise to give us the desires of our hearts? Hath he not charged us to rejoice evermore; yea, to sing aloud, and shout for joy? Why should any then draw back discouraged? God is willing if we are. He would fain have it our constant frame and daily business, to be near him in believing meditations; and to live in the sweetest thoughts of his goodness. O blessed work; employment fit for the sons of God! Thou, O Lord, spreadest before us a rich and spiritual banquet: but, alas! we are blind, and cannot perceive it; we are sick, and cannot relish spiritual food: we are so

enumbed, that we cannot put forth a hand
lay hold on eternal life. We therefore
umbly beg thy grace; that, as thou hast,
thy blessed word, opened heaven to us;
thou wouldest open our eyes to see it,
nd our hearts to desire and seek it.
wake, O thou spirit of life, and breathe
pon us thy graces. O lift us up from
arth, that we may walk in the paradise
thy love and grace here; and by faith
alize what thou hast laid up for them
at love and wait for thee hereafter.

HYMN

For Saturday Morning.

Come, ye that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne.

The sorrows of the mind
Be banish'd from this place!
Religion never was design'd
To make our pleasures less.

Let those refuse to sing
That never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King
May speak their joys abroad.

The men of grace have found
  Glory begun below;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
  From faith and hope may grow.

The hill of Zion yields
  A thousand sacred sweets,
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
  Or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound,
  And every tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's grou
  To fairer worlds on high.

PRAYER

For Saturday Morning.

O our God! who dwellest in the hig
est heavens, with what awe and reverei
ought we to make mention of thy nam
with what humility of soul ought we
acknowledge thy divine grace, that th
who art so great, and highly exalted, d
humble thyself to take notice of such s
ful and rebellious children as we ar
Adored be thy wonderful love, O m
merciful and gracious Father, who h
encouraged our approaches to thee; w
didst not utterly cast us out of thy si

vhen we had turned our backs upon thee; ›ut didst send thy only begotten Son into he world to redeem and save us. We hank thee with all our souls, that he bare ›ur sins in his own body on the tree, that ve being dead unto sin might live unto ·ighteousness. O Lord, how infinitely ıre we indebted to thee, for giving him for ıs, that he might redeem us from all inquity, and purify us unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. O let ıot the great things which the Lamb of God has done and suffered for perishing sinners be lost unto us; but may we love more that adorable Saviour who bought us at the inestimable price of his own blood.

Heavenly Father, give us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to change and renew us throughout, in spirit, soul, and body; and to enable us daily to amend our lives according to thy holy word. We hope it is the desire of our souls to be possessed with more steady and affectionate thoughts of thee, to be more inflamed with love to thee and all mankind. O dispose our will to resign itself to thine, cheerfully to comply with thy providence, and to employ all opportunities of doing or receiving good.

O God, deny us not this great grace

though we are unworthy of the least of thy mercies; but strengthen us with might by thy Spirit in the inner man. O Holy Spirit, do thou graciously teach and direct us in the right way, and assist us to walk in it: cheer and refresh us when we are ready to faint; uphold us lest we fall; and enable us, with fervent desires, to implore thy mercy, that with more resolved watchfulness, and more earnest prayer, we may be strengthened for the time to come. Thou, O Lord, givest us temporal blessings, that we may thirst after spiritual; and thou fillest us with spiritual blessings in Christ, that we may long for the accomplishment of them in immortal life. Thou doest us good before we ask; and thou givest liberally unto us, that thou mayest encourage us to ask for more. Thou pitiest us when we have no compassion for ourselves; and art still careful of us when we trifle with thy richest mercies. O let this be our rejoicing, to have Christ formed in us; and to be made like unto the Son of thy love: and give us a lively and animating hope of living with him in his heavenly kingdom, with all those that love his appearing. Amen and Amen.

HYMN

For Saturday Evening.

My God, my King, thy various praise
Shall fill the remnant of my days;
Thy grace employ my humble tongue
Till death and glory raise the song.

The wings of every hour shall bear
Some thankful tribute to thine ear;
And every setting sun shall see
New works of duty done for thee.

Thy truth and justice I'll proclaim;
Thy bounty flows an endless stream:
Thy mercy swift; thine anger slow,
But dreadful to the stubborn foe.

But who can speak thy wondrous deeds?
Thy greatness all our thoughts exceeds:
Vast and unsearchable thy ways,
Vast and immortal be thy praise.

PRAYER

For Saturday Evening.

Wherewith shall we come before thee, *Lord: or bow* ourselves in thy presence, *thou Most High.* Cause us to com

unto thee in faith, mentioning no
name, pleading no other righteou
and trusting in no other atonement,
the name, righteousness, and atonem
thy blessed Son, and our adorable M
tor, Jesus Christ. In him we desire
found; through him we hope for f
with thee and acceptance in thy
Blessed be thy goodness for the m
of the past day; for the blessings
Providence, the comforts of thy S
and the privileges we enjoy. We
thee that we have been protected
danger; and above all, if we have
in any measure withheld by grace
sinning against thee. Sinners we
and sinned against thee we have, ev
the best of times, and in the best of fr
but, O Lord, we would be unfeig
thankful if thou hast given us a des
live unto thee. O make those d
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thy Spirit, who is able to subdue eve
rebellious hearts to himself. We be
thee to blot out the transgressions
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are guilty and depraved, thou art gra-
us. We bless thee for that rich pro-
ion of grace and glory which thou hast
de for thy penitent and believing peo-
in the righteousness, sacrifice, and
ercession of our Lord Jesus Christ, who
their advocate with the Father, and the
pitiation for their sins. Thou hast de-
ered thy redeemed from going down
o the pit, and hast found a ransom for
em. O satisfy us, by thy blessed Spirit,
at we are of this happy number. Con-
ue thy goodness towards us this night;
ke us rest under thy defence, O thou
ost High, and to abide under the shadow
the Almighty. Thy mercies to us have
en equally great, numerous, and un-
erited: may we ever experience thee
be a God of love. Perfect, O Lord,
at which concerneth us, and forsake not
e work of thine own hands. Bless us
th thy presence, grace, and protection.
ffer not the enemy to have an advantage
er us; neither let the sons of wicked-
ss approach to hurt us. Be with all thy
ople every where. Visit especially with
salvation those whom we desire t

bear upon our hearts before thee. May those who are near and dear to us, be near and dear to God: and whatever separation thy good Providence may make upon earth, grant that we and they may meet with joy at thy right hand in the last great day. May all orders and degrees of men, from the highest to the lowest, fear God, love the truth, and work righteousness. Strengthen and relieve those who labour under any affliction in mind, body, or estate; and make all work together for their good. Preserved, O Lord, by thy gracious mercy, we are come to the close of another week. Since the commencement of it, many of our fellow creatures have left this earthly scene, and have entered upon an eternal state. O God most holy, O God most mighty, suffer us not to close our eyes in death, before we have been enabled to embrace the Lord's Christ in the arms of faith, and to say, "Now, Lord, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." In all the duties of thy holy day before us, may we look to the Spirit of grace for willingness and power to serve thee faithfully; and may our entire dependance be upon the merits of Jesus Christ the righteous. Lift up the light of thy countenance upon

ay we wait for thy loving kindness,
l, in the midst of thy temple: O
our souls joyful in thy house of
. Be thou present in the worship-
semblies of thy saints; meet them
esire to meet with thee, and visit
ıy salvation those who wait on thee
ordinances of thy appointment. May
s seek thee be joyful and glad in
and find by happy experience, that
ay in thy courts is better than a
nd elsewhere; and that thy house
ed the house of God, and the gate
ven. Be with all the faithful stew-
f thy mysteries who shall minister
name. Enable them rightly to
the Word of Truth, applying it to
arts and consciences of their hearers,
ing to their several cases. Pardon
worthiness of ministers and people;
uchsafe to own thy glorious gospel,
ing it effectual to the salvation of
hat hear. Every spiritual and tem-
nercy we request for the alone sake
ıs Christ the righteous. Amen.

FOURTH WEEK.

MEDITATION

For the Lord's Day Morning.

"The righteous shall flourish like the palm "tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. "Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, "shall flourish in the courts of our God. They "shall bring forth fruit in old age; they shall "be fat and flourishing: to shew that the Lord "is upright, and there is no unrighteousness in "him." Psalm xcii. 12, 13, 14.

The trees of righteousness grow not in common soil, but in the vineyard and house of the Lord. It is from his grace, by his word and Spirit, that they receive all the spiritual sap and virtue that keeps them alive and makes them fruitful. They put themselves under the divine protection; they fix themselves under divine ordinances; take root in them, and bring forth all their fruit to God's honour and glory.

They shall grow in grace, in usefulness, and in beauty; like the tall cedars of Lebanon they shall grow nearer heaven, and with a holy ambition shall aspire towards the world above.

They shall flourish to the credit of their profession, and to the comfort and joy of their own souls. While the wicked flourish like the grass which is soon withered, the righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: their leaves shall not wither. Being planted in the house of the Lord they shall flourish in the courts of their God: there their root is, and there their branches spread: their life is hid with Christ in God. Their light also shines before men, and they adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour in all things.

They shall be fruitful. Did they bear only leaves, they would be trees of no value. But they shall bring forth fruit—fruits of holiness, of lively devotion, useful conversation; and those good works by which God is glorified, and all around them edified—the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ to the praise and glory of God. Other trees, when they are old, leave off bearing; but the plants of *righteousness shall* bring forth fruit, even *in old age. In them* the strength of grac

shall not fail with the strength of natu
The last days of the saints have been th
best days, and their last works their b
works; to shew that they are upright, a
that the Lord is faithful, who has promi
that those who wait on him shall rer
their strength. The faithfulness of Go
the believer's triumph. If they are plant
righteousness, it is because He has plan
them by his right hand. If they br
forth fruit, it is because He has made th
fruitful and flourishing. If their leaf d
not wither, it is because He has plante
living principle of grace within; if th
prosper, it is to shew that the Lord is fai
ful, and there is no unrighteousness in h

HYMN

For the Lord's Day Morning.

Lord, 'tis a pleasant thing to stand
In gardens planted by thy hand:
Let me within thy courts be seen,
Like a young cedar fresh and green.

There grow thy saints in faith and love,
Blest with thine influence from above:
Not Lebanon with all its trees
Yields such a comely sight as these.

The plants of grace shall ever live:
(Nature decays, but grace must thrive.)
Time, that doth all things else impair,
Still makes them flourish strong and fair.

Laden with fruits of age they shew
The Lord is holy, just and true:
None that attend his gates shall find
A God unfaithful or unkind.

PRAYER

For the Lord's Day Morning

O Lord God Almighty, the Creator of ıe universe, before whom angels and ·changels veil their faces! we desire to ›proach thy divine Majesty with the re- ɜrence and godly fear which becomes ıose who are round about thee. We ould worship and fall down before thee, ıe Lord our maker, acknowledging that ·e are unworthy to come into thy glori- ıs presence; and trusting for acceptance nly in the atonement and merits of Christ esus, our only Mediator and Redeemer. ʒut through him, and by the influences of he Holy Ghost, may we draw nigh with he filial liberty and confidence, with which *hou graciously invitest* us to come to thy *rone of grace.* O enable us to come t

Christ, that out of his fulness we may receive all we need; repentance, remission of sins, and the gift of thy Holy Spirit. May Jesus dwell in our hearts by faith, and may we be rooted and grounded in love. Teach us, O Lord, to rely on his blood, and build all our hopes on his righteousness. Suffer us not to deceive ourselves with the form of godliness; but give us true faith that we may abide in Christ, and bring forth much fruit. O grant us devout hearts, a holy conversation, and a heavenly life.

May nothing keep us this day from our God. Thy Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. May it prove so to us. Let thy word preached be received by us in faith: enable us to give earnest heed to the things we hear lest we should let them slip.

May we glory in the preaching of Christ crucified. Convince us deeply of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, of the perfect purity, justice, and goodness of thy law, which we have broken; of the utter insufficiency of our own polluted righteousness to justify us in thy sight; and of our constant need of Christ in all his offices. O *let none of us* neglect so great salvation. *Blessed Lord,* make thyself known in

ıe assemblies of thy people this day. .ssist all thy faithful ministers; and, that ıey may truly please thee, pour upon ıem the dew of thy blessing; and while hey are preaching thy glorious gospel, ıay the Holy Ghost give unto them abunant success. Let thy word have free ourse, and be glorified in the conviction ıd conversion of sinners, and in the edifiation and comfort of thy saints. Quicken he dead in sin; awaken the careless; and nliven and invigorate the hearts and races of thy people. May we know the ›yful sound, and walk in the light of thy ountenance: in thy name let us rejoice ll the day, and be exalted in thy righteusness. Make us strong in the grace hat is in Christ Jesus: strong to resist atan, sin, and unbelief: strong to fight he good fight of faith, to run with patience he race that is set before us, and lay hold n eternal life as thy free gift, through the iches of thy grace.

And O hasten that glorious period when he everlasting gospel shall be proclaimed ı every land; when the year of the reeemed shall come; and the name of Jesus e praised from the rising of the sun to he *going down* thereof.

We humbly entreat thee to grant thes

blessings also to all who are near and to us: may we all worship thee in same spirit of adoption, through our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

HYMN

For the Lord's Day Evening.

O! ye that pant for living streams,
And pine away and die;
Here ye may quench your raging thirst
With springs that never dry.

Rivers of love and mercy here
In a rich ocean join!
Salvation in abundance flows
In streams of grace divine.

Dear Lord, the treasures of thy love
Are everlasting mines,
Deep as our helpless mis'ries are,
And boundless as our sins.

The happy gates of gospel grace
Stand open night and day:
Lord, we are come to seek supplies,
And drive our wants away.

PRAYER

For the Lord's Day Evening.

O Almighty Lord God, great, wonderful, and holy. Thou art exalted far above all blessing and praise; and yet humblest thyself to behold the things that are in heaven and in earth. Look down in mercy upon us who here present ourselves before thee on this evening of thine own day. We have indeed abundant cause of humiliation in thy sight, on account of our manifold iniquities. We have been favored this day with thy word and ordinances, with the means of grace, and opportunities of drawing near unto thee. Yet, alas, we must confess we have not rendered again according to the benefits thou hast vouchsafed us. Our services have been defective and defiled. Our prayers and praises have been cold and wandering, and too often disturbed by vain and unprofitable thoughts and speculations. Yet, O reject us not, unworthy as we are; but accept us through the sacrifice and merits of our Lord Jesus Christ; and for his sake grant us, we beseech thee, all those gifts and graces, and blessings which we severally need.

Impress more deeply upon our minds

O Lord, by the influence of thine Holy Spirit, thy word which we have this day heard and read. May we continually see more and more our need of that salvation which the Son of God hath purchased for us: and more earnestly seek, and more entirely depend upon Him, as made of God unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. Open our eyes that we may understand the wondrous things of thy law. Give us that enlarged view of its spiritual nature and requirements, that we may no longer seek to be justified by our own merits: yet may we delight in thy law, may we count all thy precepts in all things to be right, and hate every false and evil way. O let us labor after an increasing conformity to thine holy image: and be habitually pressing towards the prize of our high calling.

Bless thy holy word to all who have heard it this day. O do thou, who alone canst give the increase, water the seed sown with the abundant influence of thy Holy Spirit. May it take deep root, and bring forth much fruit to the glory of thy name, the credit of our christian profession, and the everlasting salvation of our souls. *And we pray*, O Lord, that the benefits of *the Christian* Sabbath may be extended far

and wide; that souls may be converted from idols to thee the living God; and that the reign of death may be destroyed. In our own land may we see a greater reverence of thy day; may true religion revive, and flourish among us, and every one who professes to name the name of Christ depart from iniquity. May many, who now say of the Sabbath, what a weariness is it, be brought to call it their delight, the holy of the Lord, and honourable; and may the light of the gospel arise, and shine on every land, which hitherto has not been cheered by its glorious life-giving beams. May the heathen know thee; may thine ancient people, the Jews, be brought to acknowledge, and adore the true Messiah, and be gathered in with the fulness of the Gentiles. May all who preach thy word be found faithful to its doctrines; strengthen them with thy mighty power; and may those especially who are gone forth to distant lands, to proclaim thy grace to every guilty fallen child of Adam, find thee a very present help. And now, O Lord, we commend ourselves, and all our absent friends and relatives, to thy fatherly protection through the approaching night, and the week upon which we have entered. Be with us: forgive, for th

Redeemer's sake, all our short comings, and misdoings, especially remember not against us the sins of our holy things. Sanctify us by thy word, and make us meet for that blessed Sabbath above, which shall never end. There, with all thy chosen people, may we unite in one universal song of praise, ascribing dominion, might, majesty, and power, to him that sitteth on the throne, and to the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Monday Morning.

"Whereby are given to us exceeding great "and precious promises." 2 Peter, i. 4.

Worthy indeed of all acceptation, of our warmest and most affectionate gratitude! of our highest confidence and joy. For they are the words of God, the greatest and the best of beings: his gracious words; the dictates of his infinite and undeserved goodness and love; words that speak the greatness of his mercy, and display all the perfections of his nature in the most amiable light. Their truth is ratified by the blood of the everlasting covenant, rendering all the divine promises to us yea and

God himself bearing witness by
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osoever will may come and partake
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us under the severest trials; and
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iat conduct them through life, de-
m in death, and ensure their com-
d eternal salvation!

HYMN

For Monday Morning.

Begin, my tongue, some heavenly theme,
  And speak some boundless thing;
The mighty works, or mightier name
  Of our eternal King.

Tell of his wondrous faithfulness,
  And sound his power abroad;
Sing the sweet promise of his grace,
  And the performing God.

Proclaim salvation from the Lord
  For wretched dying men:
His hand has writ the sacred word
  With an immortal pen.

Engrav'd as in eternal brass
  The mighty promise shines;
Nor can the powers of darkness rase
  Those everlasting lines.

His every word of grace is strong
  As that which built the skies;
The voice that rolls the stars along,
  Speaks all the promises.

PRAYER

For Monday Morning,

most gracious Lord God, the eyes of
ait upon thee: thou art the hope of
ıe ends of the earth. In thee we live,
ıove, and have our being: thou givest
'e, and health, and all things. Still
takest care of us, and watchest over
ven in the hours of sleep, when we
nable to take care of ourselves. Thy
ies are daily renewed; thy goodness
peated every morning: yea, every
ent dost thou give us fresh occasion
'aise and thanksgiving. Blessed be
ame, for the peace, rest, and safety
: night past. Enable us in the strength
y grace to love thee truly, to serve
faithfully, and to depend on thee
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lves under thy gracious conduct, and
ıtherly protection this day. We beg
heavenly guidance, blessing, and
ance of thy good Spirit, to choose
heritance for us, and to dispose of us

and all that concerns us, to the glory of thy great name. O Lord, withdraw not thy tender mercies from us, neither shut up thy loving-kindness in displeasure; but grant us such a well founded apprehension of thy free acceptance of us, and of thy gracious intentions towards us in the Son of thy love; that our hearts may bless thee, and all that is within us may praise thy holy name. May we each of us be enabled to say from our own experience, "All thy ways are ways of pleasantness, and thy paths paths of peace:" in keeping them there is great reward. He that loveth them, loveth life. O Lord, keep us this day from sin: subdue as well as pardon our iniquities: and may we exercise ourselves to have always a conscience void of offence, both towards God, and towards man. Whilst upon earth, grant us a supply of all things needful for us in the house of our pilgrimage. Sanctify to us our enjoyments, and our occupations; our comforts, and our crosses; every condition we are in, and every event that shall befal us. Enable us to live to thy honour and glory: and so to pass through things temporal, as finally to lose not the things which are eternal. If thou enlighten us not, we shall run into error; if thou

vent not, we shall relapse into sin; if
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ngers. O let thy good providence be
r defence and security; and thy Holy
pirit be our comforter, guide, and counsel-
r in all our ways: until, through the
erits of thy Son, and the multitude of
ny mercies, thou hast made us meet for
he inheritance of thy saints in glory ever-
asting. Amen.

HYMN

For Monday Evening.

Lord, I have made thy word my choice,
My lasting heritage:
There shall my noblest powers rejoice,
My warmest thoughts engage.

I'll read the histories of thy love,
And keep thy laws in sight;
While through the promises I rove,
With ever fresh delight.

'Tis a broad land of wealth unknown
Where springs of life arise,
Seeds of immortal bliss are sown,
And hidden glory lies.

The best relief that mourners have;
It makes our sorrows blest:
Our fairest hope beyond the grave,
And our eternal rest.

PRAYER

For Monday Evening.

O thou glorious Majesty of heaven and earth! we would with all humility and reverence adore thee as above our highest thoughts, and infinitely beyond all our praises. When we contemplate thine almighty power, thine infinite loving-kindness, and thine awful holiness and justice, as manifested in thy wonderful works and in thy holy word, we are ashamed that we do not fear, and reverence, and love thee more. O God of all grace, grant unto us, we beseech thee, thy Holy Spirit to renew thine image on our souls: awaken our minds to a more lively remembrance of thee our Creator, our Redeemer, our tender-hearted Father in Christ Jesus.

Though we have sinned, we have an advocate with thee, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. In his name we are encouraged to come unto thee, and seek the blessings he has purchased for us with his own blood. Glory be to thee, O Father, that it hath pleased thee, that in *Him* should all fulness dwell: that the guilty may be justified; the unholy be cleansed; captive

sinners redeemed and set free; and the lost and perishing restored to the richest blessings, by the salvation which is in Christ Jesus.

We plead thy gracious promise, that all things whatever we ask in prayer, believing, we shall receive: O give us faith to plead with thee for the fulfilment of thine own words. Teach us so to ask that we may receive, and so to knock at the door of thy mercy, that it may be opened to us. We pray that thou wouldest impart to each of us a heart truly contrite for sin, and an humble frame of mind. Grant unto us faith to embrace and ever hold fast thy promises of grace and glory. May we be endued with a spirit of adoption, crying unto thee, Abba, Father. O shed thy love abroad in our hearts, and make us to abound in all the fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, long-suffering, meekness, goodness, temperance, righteousness, and truth. Convince us daily that this world is not our rest; that the earth and all that is therein shall be burned up; and seeing these things are so, may we exercise ourselves in all holy conversation and godliness.

Father of mercies, we desire to bless *thee for all the* favors of the past day; an

entreat thee to continue to us thy pro
tion and blessing through the night. I
pare us for the duties and events of
morrow. We know not what a day
night may bring forth: in the mids
life we are in death. Before another
it may please thee to require some of
souls. If so, may we be found re
having the loins of our minds girded,
our lamps burning; and we ourse
waiting for the coming of our Lord
Saviour Jesus Christ, in whom we tr
and to whom with the Father, and
Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory
ever and ever. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Tuesday Morning.

"O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing
"the Lord, bless his name: shew forth his s
"tion from day to day." Psalm xcvi. 1, 2.

Let this song of praise be echoed f
our hearts. Let us sing unto the Lor
new song: a song with new affectio
and clothed with new expressions of tha
fulness for new mercies. Let day u
day utter it; for his compassions are
every morning, and fresh every eve

the whole earth join in this song; let
n give unto the Lord the glory due
o his name. Let them shew forth his
vation from day to day; for every new
y brings new dangers and new deliver-
ces. Let, therefore, his saving mercy
: our daily song. Above all, let the gospel
lvation be the new and ever animating
ieme of our song of praise. Let all the
edeemed of the Lord sing it; let all the
:arth learn it. "Let the people praise
:hee, O God: yea, let all the people praise
thee." Let us join with angelic hosts in
singing glory to God in the highest: be-
cause to us is born a Saviour: and through
him is proclaimed peace on earth, and
good-will to men. "Sing, O ye heavens,
for the Lord hath done it: and shout ye
lower parts of the earth." This song will
be for ever new; as new wonders will ever
be unfolding themselves in the contempla-
tion of redeeming love. Now, then, let us
begin that new song, which, through the
tender mercy of our God, we hope to sing
with saints in light in the heavenly Jeru-
salem: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom,
and strength, and honour, and glory, and
bl*essing: for thou* wast slain, and has
edeemed us unto God, by thy blood, o

of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever." Amen.

HYMN

For Tuesday Morning.

Awake and sing the song
  Of "Moses and the Lamb;"
Wake ev'ry heart, and ev'ry tongue,
  To praise the Saviour's name.

Sing of his dying love,
  Sing of his rising power;
Sing how he intercedes above
  For those whose sins he bore.

Sing, till we feel our hearts
  Ascending with our tongues;
Sing, till the love of sin departs,
  And grace inspires our songs.

Soon shall we hear him say,
  "Ye blessed children come;"
Soon will he call us hence away.
  And take his wand'rers home.

There shall our raptur'd tongue
  His endless praise proclaim;
And sweeter voices chant the song
  Of "*Moses* and the Lamb."

PRAYER

For Tuesday Morning.

O Lord God, merciful and gracious, ong-suffering, and abundant in goodness, nd truth! Thou keepest mercy for thouands, pardoning iniquity, transgression, nd sin; thou dost not retain thine anger or ever, because thou delightest in mercy. How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore do the sons of men put heir trust under the shadow of thy wings; nd therefore do we desire still to look up o that bountiful hand of thine which has atisfied us with every good thing. O Lord our God, be thou pleased to look down nercifully upon us, and be thou gracious nd favourable to us. Look not upon our ins, which are more than we can number, nd greater than we can express; but behold us in mercy, through the merits and nediation of thy Son our Saviour, who did o sin, and was manifested that he might ake away our sin. O that we may receive of his fulness, grace sufficient for us; o pardon our sins and subdue our iniquities; *to justify our* persons and sanctify *ur souls; and to* complete upon our heart

and lives that truly renovating change, which may transform us into the blessed image after which we were created anew in Christ Jesus; and make us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Teach us, O Lord our God, to use this world without abusing it; and to enjoy the things of it without losing our part in thy love, which is better than life. Whatever we have of the world, may we have it with thy love; sanctified to us by thy word and prayer. And whatsoever we want of the things of this life, O Lord, our heavenly Father, leave us not destitute of those things that accompany salvation; but fill our souls with such graces of thy Spirit, as may enable us to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things: that others seeing our good works, may glorify our Father who is in heaven.

And now that thou hast renewed our lives and thy mercies to us this morning, help us, gracious God, to renew our desires and endeavours to live in obedience to thy holy will, and to the honour of thy blessed name. O grant that we may think, and speak, and will, and act as becometh the children of our heavenly Father; and so find the strong consolation of thy gracious acceptance of us in Christ

esus our Saviour; in whom we desire to
e found, in life, in death, and for ever.
men.

HYMN

For Tuesday Evening.

My soul, repeat his praise,
Whose mercies are so great;
Whose anger is so slow to rise,
So ready to abate.

God will not always chide;
And when his rod is felt,
His strokes are fewer than our crimes,
And lighter than our guilt.

High as the heav'ns are rais'd
Above the ground we tread,
So far the riches of his grace
Our highest thoughts exceed.

His pow'r subdues our sins;
And his forgiving love,
Far as the east is from the west,
Doth all our guilt remove.

The pity of the Lord
To those that fear his name,
Is such as tender parents feel;
He knows our feeble frame.

He knows we are but dust,
Scatter'd with ev'ry breath;
His anger, like a rising wind,
Can send us swift to death.

Our days are like the grass,
Or as the morning flower:
If one sharp blast sweep o'er the field,
It withers in an hour.

But thy compassions, Lord,
To endless years endure;
And children's children ever find
Thy words of promise sure.

PRAYER

For Tuesday Evening.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art ways more ready to hear than we are to ay; and art able to give more than we n either ask or think; pour down upon the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving those things of which our consciences e afraid, and giving us those good things ich we are not worthy to ask, but for sus Christ's sake.

Once more, O Lord, we are permitted *present* ourselves before thee: let thy *ciful ears* be open to our prayers: and

that we may obtain our petitions, make us to ask only such things as shall please thee. We know that we cannot pray aright, but as thy grace influences both our hearts and lips. O give us a hearty desire to pray. May we now seek thy grace, as a condemned criminal would ask for mercy of his judge: and do thou, O Lord, vouchsafe that mercy to our sinful souls, for thy name's sake.

Our days and years pass away with the greatest speed; and every one of them brings us nearer to death and eternity. O may we feel a lively conviction of the vanity of all worldly pursuits; and the necessity, as well as advantage, of living by faith on the Son of God: that so, whenever death shall overtake us, it may find us prepared to leave the world and go to thee. O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire. Cause us to lie down this night with our affections set upon things above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

O *Almighty God,* who alone canst order *the unruly wills* and affections of sinfu

men, grant unto us that we may love the thing that thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found. Suffer us not to be deceived by lying vanities. Suffer us not to deceive ourselves by the form of religion without its power; but grant us thy Spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will. Let us not put our trust in any thing that we do; for, alas! all our doings are nothing worth: but may our dependance be in him who bore our sins and carried our sorrows. May his blessed name become every day more precious to us. May we always most thankfully receive this thine inestimable gift, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life. And at length may we, through his merits and mediation, attain those blissful regions whither he has gone before to prepare a place for his people; that where he is, there we may be also, to be with him, and behold his glory. In him may we be found, and accepted, in life, in death, and for ever. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Wednesday Morning.

"Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound." Psalm lxxxix. 15.

The joyful sound of their deliverer and their Saviour. Such was thy God, O Israel! and such is thy God, O believer! The Gospel is indeed a joyful sound: a sound of victory over the powers of darkness, and of liberty from the slavery of sin: a sound of pardoning mercy for rebellious mortals. A joyful proclamation that God will indeed dwell with men, and that they shall have fellowship with him and with his Son Jesus Christ. A proclamation of the gracious and sanctifying influence of his Holy Spirit to renew their hearts to holiness, and help them to do his will; and of a heavenly crown and eternal glory to him that overcometh.

Blessed are the people that hear this joyful sound. They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance; in thy name shall they rejoice all the day. They shall order their steps by thy word, be guided by thine eye, and delight them

selves in thy consolations. They shall through all the exercises of a holy l under the powerful influences of G loving-kindness. Blessed is the belie who thus derives his comfort from G favour, and abides in his love.

HYMN

For Wednesday Morning.

Bless'd are the souls that hear and kn
The gospel's joyful sound;
Peace shall attend the path they go,
And light their steps surround.

Their joy shall bear their spirits up
Through their Redeemer's name;
His righteousness exalts their hope,
Nor Satan dares condemn.

The Lord, our glory and defence,
Strength and salvation gives;
Israel, thy King for ever reigns,
Thy God for ever lives.

PRAYER

For Wednesday Morning.

O Lord our God, thy name is most e
lent in all the earth: thou hast set thy

re the heavens, and art worthy to be brated with the everlasting praises of n and angels; for thou hast created all ngs, and for thy pleasure they are, and re created. Thy hands, O Lord, have ade and fashioned us, and thou hast eathed into our nostrils the breath of life, a thou upholdest our souls in life. As e are the workmanship of thy power, O ake us likewise the children of thy grace, reated anew in Christ Jesus, unto ighteousness and true holiness. Give proof that thou hast formed us for thyself, by causing us to shew forth thy praise; and by enabling us to live unto thy glory, as we are hourly sustained by thy bounty. But, we must confess, O Lord, that we have not yielded thee that glory which thou hast made us capable of rendering unto thee. We are prone to forget thee, who art never unmindful of us; and to disobey thee, whose goodness to us is unwearied. For these things, O Lord; for the sinfulness of our nature and of our lives, we desire to pour out our hearts, and to humble our guilty selves before thee: entreating thee, for the sake of thy dear Son, and of thy mercies in him, to work in us true repentance, and to grant us full and free forgiveness. Strengthen

us, O Lord, with might by thy Spirit, in the inner man; and make us watchful against, and victorious over the corruptions of our hearts, the temptations of Satan, and the sinful cares and allurements of the world. Destroy in us every root of bitterness, every plant which thy grace hath not planted; exterminate every evil habit and rebellious emotion which exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and against the obedience of our Lord Jesus Christ. Increase and confirm in us more and more thy true knowledge, and faith, and fear, and love, and every grace of thy holy Spirit. Let not one grace of thy holy Spirit be wanting; let not one be weak: but grant us such manifestations of thyself; and so conform us to the image of thy holiness, that our lives may be comfortable to ourselves, profitable to others, and honourable to thee our God. And, whatever may befal us, as to the concern of this life, may we still be found in the path of duty, fearing God and working righteousness; making it evident to all around us, that we have been with Jesus; that we have learned of him; that we are influenced by his Spirit, guided by his example, and are pressing forward to his kingdom. Day by day we magnify thee, O Lord, who crownest every

y with thy tender mercies. We bless ee for the rest, protection, and preserva- on of the last night. O cause us to hear y loving-kindness this morning, for in ee do we trust: make us to know the ay wherein we should go, for we lift up ur souls unto thee. Cast us not away om thy presence; take not thy Holy pirit from us; but direct our hearts into e love of thy holy name, and our feet to the way of thy testimonies. Whether e eat, or drink, or whatever we do, may e do all to the glory of God; and walk seeing him who is invisible. Command y angels to encamp around us, and to ear us in their hands; and may their God nd ours be the strength of our hearts, e guide of our ways, and our portion for er and ever; through Jesus Christ our ord. Amen.

HYMN

For Wednesday Evening.

How shall the young secure their hearts,
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy word the choicest rules imparts
To keep the conscience clean.

When that pervades th' inquiring mind,
  And spreads its light abroad;
The meanest souls instruction find,
  And raise their thoughts to God.

'Tis like the sun, a heavenly light,
  To guide us all the day;
And through the dangers of the night
  A lamp to lead our way.

The men that keep thy law with care,
  And meditate thy word,
Grow wiser than their teachers are,
  And better know the Lord.

Thy precepts make me truly wise;
  I hate the sinners road:
I hate my own vain thoughts that rise;
  But love thy law, my God.

The starry heavens thy rule obey,
  The earth maintains her place;
And these thy servants night and day
  Thy skill and power express.

But still thy law and gospel, Lord,
  Have lessons more divine:
Not earth stands firmer than thy word,
  Nor stars so nobly shine.

Thy word is everlasting truth;
  How pure is every page!
O may it guide our earliest youth,
  And cheer our latest age.

PRAYER

For Wednesday Evening.

O Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we rejoice that under all our sinfulness, weakness, and danger, we have a throne of grace to go to; and that thou invitest us to come to it with holy boldness, that we may obtain mercy to pardon and grace to help in every time of need. We would not, O Lord, abuse thy grace, or make our weakness an excuse for negligence and sloth. We confess thou hast already given us more strength than we have used; and we charge it upon ourselves, and not on thee, that we have not received more abundant supplies. O may we for the future be found more diligent in the use of all the appointed means of grace. Be mercifully pleased to shed abroad thy sanctifying influences on our souls, to form us for every duty which thou requirest. Plant every Christian grace and virtue deep in our hearts; and maintain and strengthen them amidst all assaults both from within and from without.

Help us to remember at all times, that *every secret of our* souls is open to thee

and to guard against the first rising of
and the first approaches of temptat
And that Satan may not find room for
evil suggestions, we pray, O Lord,
thou wouldest graciously fill our h
with thy Spirit, and take up thine a
there! Dwell in us, and walk with us,
let our bodies be the temples of the
Ghost.

May we be so joined to Christ Jesus
Lord as to become one spirit with h
may we so wait upon the Lord as to re
our spiritual strength, to run without
riness, and to walk without fainting; g
on from one degree of faith and lov
another, till we appear before thee
God in Zion.

While we are here, we are surrou
with dangers and difficulties. Ble
God, to thine almighty power we flee
thy grace be sufficient for us, and
strength be made perfect in our weak
We dare not say, we will never forsak

age our hope; and inspire us with an heroic resolution in opposing every thing that obstructs us in our way to heaven. Keep us at all times by thy mighty power, through faith, unto salvation. Wherever thou leadest, there let us follow; and whatever station thou appointest for us, there let us labour. In the midst of dangers and discouragements may we look unto Jesus, the captain of our salvation; and be made at last more than conquerors through him that loved us. Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling; and to do for us more than we can ask or think; to him be glory for ever. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Thursday Morning.

"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted." Matt. v. 4.

Would we learn who are truly blessed, we must look into our Bibles; we must sit at the feet of Jesus. There we shall find, that the first step to blessedness lies in being poor in spirit, and in mourning for sin: and that the next step to that felicity is, to *be daily and* earnestly supplicating the *throne of grace* for an interest in the lov

of God through Christ. There we shall learn that the only real happiness consists in the enjoyment of pardon of sin; an interest in the blessing of the life to come; purity and holiness of heart; the supports of divine grace; communion with God in his worship in this world; and the perfection of holiness, glory, and joy, which the gospel promises in the next.

Do thou, my soul, choose this better part: be not afraid of those convictions that would lead thee to mourn for sin. Sin should be always thy affliction, and holiness thy delight. Thou art then happy indeed. The consolation of Christ as thy righteousness, strength, and salvation is thine. Thou shalt feel its reviving and rejoicing power, even in this world; and possess the fulness of joy in that which is to come. He himself has said, "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted." O that I could always keep this gracious promise in view! particularly in the seasons of affliction, when I most need such consolations.

But while we encourage a truly spiritual concern for sin, let us not indulge a melancholy gloom. The bright hopes which the gospel gives us of present comfort and everlasting joy, should inspire us with

cheerful gratitude to the divine goodness. And, when we can rejoice in nothing else, let us rejoice in the assurance Christ has given us, that though we now go forth weeping; yet, bearing precious seed, we shall doubtless come again with joy, bringing our sheaves with us: that though mourners now, we shall be comforted in his due time.

HYMN

For Thursday Morning.

Blest are the humble souls that see
Their emptiness and poverty;
Treasures of grace to them are given,
And crowns of joy laid up in heaven.

Blest are the men of broken heart,
Who mourn for sin with inward smart;
The blood of Christ divinely flows,
A healing balm for all their woes.

Blest are the meek, who stand afar
From rage and passion, noise and war;
God will secure their happy state,
And plead their cause against the great.

Blest are the souls that thirst for grace,
Hunger and long for righteousness;
They shall be well supplied, and fed,
With living streams and living bread.

Blest are the men whose bowels move,
And melt with sympathy and love;
From Christ the Lord shall they obtain
Like sympathy and love again.

Blest are the pure whose hearts are clean
From the defiling powers of sin;
With endless pleasure they shall see
A God of spotless purity.

Blest are the men of peaceful life,
Who quench the coals of growing strife;
They shall be called the heirs of bliss,
The sons of God, the God of peace.

Blest are the suff'rers who partake
Of pain and shame for Jesu's sake;
Their souls shall triumph in the Lord;
Glory and joy are their reward.

PRAYER

For Thursday Morning.

O Lord our God, we desire with humility and holy fear to draw near to the footstool of thy throne, to give thee the glory due to thy name. On the morning of this new day we direct our prayer unto thee and look up. Accept our united *thanksgivings* and praises for the mercies *of the past night*: we have been refreshed

r sleep, and permitted to rise in health
ıd peace.

May it be our sincere desire and purpose
f heart to begin, and spend, and close this
ıy with thee. Arm our minds and hearts
gainst all the temptations to which we
ay be this day exposed, and with every
mptation do thou make a way for our
ıcape, that we may be able to endure.

Thou hast formed us for thyself, that we
ıould shew forth thy praise. But, O Lord,
ır God, we acknowledge with shame before
ıee, that we have not brought thee that
ory for which we were made. O how
eatly have we dishonoured thee, our
od, in the whole course of our lives,
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racious giver of all our good things.
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no health in us. But for these things
e desire to pour out our hearts, and to

humble our sinful selves before thee. For the sake of thy dear Son have mercy upon us; and for the sake of that mercy of thine in Christ Jesus, which has moved thee to spare us so long, and to do so much for us, we beseech thee to give us repentance and pardon for all that is past, wherein we have offended thee: pardon our iniquity for it is great, and give us grace to serve thee faithfully for the time to come.

Assist us in the cheerful and zealous discharge of all the duties incumbent upon us as the disciples of thy Son. While we profess and embrace the doctrines of Christ, may we drink deep into his spirit: may the same mind which was in him be in us also. As he was in this world, may we also aim to be, humble, and holy, and heavenly-minded, keeping ourselves unspotted from the world. May we have grace to attend to the duties of the several relations we sustain, as parents and children, as masters and servants: may we abide with God in our respective callings, and be found fruitful in all things.

Guide us, O our God, through all the trials and difficulties of this day. O that thou wouldest keep us from sin that it may not grieve us; and whatever afflictions may be appointed us in this present

fe, may we have the good hope of passing ırough them all into thy heavenly king-om.

O thou God of all the families of Israel, less this family with all spiritual blessings; ıake every individual of it a member of :hrist, a child of God, and an inheritor of he kingdom of heaven. Direct all our ·ays to please thee: and vouchsafe to rown all with thy blessing. Help us to ee thy power, to own thy presence, to ad-nire thy wisdom, and to love thy goodness n all thy creatures. And by all the com-orts of this life draw our hearts still nearer o thyself, the Creator and giver of them ıll, and let our meditations of thee be weet as well as frequent; that delighting ›urselves in the Lord we may have the lesires of our hearts. And, at last, gather ıs all, we earnestly beseech thee, with thy ;aints in glory everlasting. These mercies ve implore in the name, and through the nediation of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, ›ur only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

HYMN

For Thursday Evening.

"Where are the mourners," saith the Lord,
"That wait and tremble at my word,
That *walk in* darkness all the day?
Come, make my name your trust and stay.

" No works or duties of your own
Can for the smallest sin atone;
The robes that nature may provide
Will not your least pollutions hide.

" The softest couch that nature knows
Can give the conscience no repose;
Look to my righteousness and live;
Comfort and peace are mine to give.

" Ye sons of pride, that kindle coals
With your own hands to warm your souls;
Walk in the light of your own fire,
Enjoy the sparks that ye desire.

" This is your portion at my hands,
Hell waits you with her iron bands;
Ye shall lie down in sorrow there,
In death, in darkness, and despair."

PRAYER

For Thursday Evening.

O thou most glorious God, with whom a thousand years are as one day; and who dwellest in the light to which no mortal can approach; we are reminded by the return of night how short our time is; and how soon we must finally close our eyes on all things here below, and open them on an eternal world. O suffer us not to neglect the

ıportant work of life: but teach us so
meditate on the shortness, uncertainty,
ıd vanity of things temporal; and on
ıe reality, nearness, and importance of
ıings eternal, that we may indeed live
strangers and pilgrims on earth, seek-
g a heavenly inheritance with our
armest affections, and the most per-
ervering diligence. May the thoughts of
eath and judgment be so familiar to our
ınds, and so impressed on our hearts,
ıat they may excite to greater fervency
prayer, and greater earnestness in all
ıe means of grace: that we may renounce
very evil way, and so act in all things as
be prepared for a dying hour.

O give us such a knowledge of thy holy
w, and of its spiritual and reasonable de-
ıands, that we may be deeply sensible of
ır exceeding sinfulness, and truly hum-
led before thee in unfeigned repentance.
thou heart-searching God, the sins and
nperfections of the past day, and of our
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empers. Our selfish desires and motives,
nd manifold omissions of duty, leave us
peechless and self-condemned before thee.
Help us, we earnestly entreat thee, under
sense of our guilt and danger, to fly t

the only refuge and hope set before us, t
atoning blood of Jesus, which cleanse
from all sin. May we receive thy Gosp
with a lively faith: and continually co
unto thee, as the fountain of life a
blessedness. O give us that well ground
confidence in thy pardoning mercy, a
that love, gratitude, and zeal, which m
excite us to unreserved obedience; a
make us steadfast, unmoveable, alwa
abounding in the work of the Lord.

Be graciously pleased, O merciful F
ther, to prosper by thy blessing whate
we have attempted this day in accorda
with thy will. Sanctify to us all thy d
pensations, and our own experience: a
help us to thank thee with unfeign
hearts for the mercies and comforts w
which thou hast favoured us. Bless,
Lord, all endeavours to spread thy Gosp
and to promote the peace and happin
of mankind: and remember with pecul
regard those who are laboring in dist
and inhospitable regions to make kno
thy salvation among poor benigh
heathen.

We desire to commend to thy graci
protection ourselves, and all connec
with us by the ties of kindred and fello
ship. Preserve us from outward cal

es, and defend us against our spiritual enemies. May we be prepared to meet our God, should we be called hence this night. If spared to awake in peace, and rise with the returning day, may we devote ourselves afresh to thy service: and may we wait all the days of our appointed time on earth in calm submission, careful watchfulness, and patient continuance in well doing. Vouchsafe us, O heavenly Father, these and all other mercies for the sake of thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Friday Morning.

THE SOUL DESIRING GOD AS ITS PORTION.

"Whom have I in heaven but thee." Psalm lxxiii. 25.

God reigns on an exalted throne above; and the highest potentates of that glorious world are infinitely more inferior to him, than they are superior to the meanest insect on earth. He is there, and he is here; he surrounds all his creatures with immensity, and preserves them all by *his influence!* In him we live, and move

and have our being: on him the angels are as dependant as the worms. Behold him, O my soul, with reverence and love: for he is transcendently glorious: in him unsearchable wisdom and almighty power are joined with unerring justice, unspotted holiness, and invariable truth. But remember that his name is love: that this blends itself with all his perfections. The beauty of them all is softened and sweetened by the over-flowings of goodness and mercy; those rich and gentle streams which not only water Paradise, but visit the regions of guilt and darkness here on earth. Why do we lift up our souls unto vanity, and grow fond of the empty shadows of this world? It is because God is forgotten. Alas! whither have we wandered? Into what a wilderness? I look round on all created beings and things, and can see no shelter or refreshment; they are like broken cisterns, whose waters fail me when I most need them. What then, O Lord, do I wait for? My hope is in thee; for thou art the fountain of living waters, all-sufficient for my happiness. Though I had not on earth a friend or helper: yet if in this desolation I could look up to thee, and call thee my Father and my God, I should still be happy. I might pity the

:t prosperous on earth that were ngers to thee and to thy love. "There many that say, who will shew us any d?" O that thy Spirit may teach them : wisdom! But as for me I will say, d, lift thou up the light of thy counte-ce upon me. Whom have I in heaven thee? and there is none upon earth that sire besides thee! It grieves me to think ' I have injured thee, and wronged my ı soul in suffering other lords to have ıinion over me. Thou requirest that should give thee our hearts, and should eady to leave all and follow thee. Lord, 'ould cheerfully consent; and hope :, through grace, I can say, "None of ıe things move me; neither should I ıt life dear unto me," if I may but ı thee for my portion! Amen.

HYMN

For Friday Morning.

Sweet is the memory of thy grace,
My God, my heavenly King;
Let age to age thy righteousness
In sounds of glory sing.

God reigns on high, but not confines
His goodness to the skies;
Through the whole earth his bounty shi
And every want supplies.

With longing eyes thy creatures wait
On thee for daily food;
Thy liberal hand provides their meat,
And fills their mouths with good.

How kind are thy compassions, Lord!
How slow thine anger moves!
But soon he sends his pardoning word
To cheer the souls he loves.

Creatures, with all their endless race,
Thy power and praise proclaim;
But saints that taste thy richer grace
Delight to bless thy name.

PRAYER

For Friday Morning.

Almighty God, with thankful praise
joy we meet the light of another m
ing. How pleasant is it to behold the
shining in its morning brightness afte
darkness of the night! O heavenly Fat
raise up our meditations to that unsp
able joy and pleasure which the bl

ove possess in beholding thy face, and ie face of the Lamb, shining ten thou- ind times brighter than the sun in the rmament.

As the sun in the morning dispels all ie darkness of the night, so may the light f thy word, with which we converse from me to time, dispel the darkness and ig- orance of our minds. And as the return- ig spring unbinds the earth and makes it uitful; so, O Lord, do thou unbind our earts; open the springs of love to thy- elf; and revive our souls with the influ- nces of the Sun of righteousness.

O thou Father of lights, who didst com- iand the light to shine out of darkness, hine into our dark minds: shine upon our ard hearts; and kindle there heavenly ght, and every sacred passion; that we iay walk all the day in the light of thy ountenance, and lie down at night in thy avour. By daily conversing with God, iay we grow in all holiness of mind, till e are fitted to behold thy face in ighteousness; and to be eternally satis- ed when we awake in thy likeness! As ll thy works are every day praising thee, e would unite our feeble voices with the osts of *heaven*, and the holy inhabitants f *the earth*, in giving glory to thee a

Creator, King, and Friend of the Universe. Every day brings with it the return of mercies and benefits more than we can number: help us frequently to recount them; and implant in our hearts a grateful sense of all thine unspeakable love and goodness; especially as appearing in Christ Jesus our Lord. May his Gospel every where succeed in rooting out all ungodliness and unrighteousness from the earth; and whatever others do, may we, by thy blessing on our reading and thinking on that gospel, be determined on the side of holiness against all sin: that in hope, and without presumption, we may commit ourselves, our dwelling places, our studies and labours, to the Divine protection. May the holy thoughts which now possess our souls, mingle with all the business of the day. Help us daily to walk with God, in a course of holy living; and never suffer us to give way to vain thoughts, or ungoverned passions. But fill our souls with such apprehensions of thy infinite greatness and majesty, and such a belief of thy universal presence, as shall make us delight to please, serve, and imitate thee. Forgive, O merciful God, all our past deadness, *lukewarmness*, and hypocrisy in every *Christian duty*, either towards thyself or

vards man. Deliver us from such ngerous dispositions, and from every her temper that would hinder the accept- ice of our prayers! May they be the ayers of the upright which are thy light; and be accepted in thy beloved on, and our dear Redeemer. Amen.

HYMN

For Friday Evening.

Be still, my heart! these anxious cares
To thee are burdens, thorns and snares:
They cast dishonour on the Lord,
And contradict his gracious word.

Brought safely by his hand thus far;
Why wilt thou now give place to fear?
How canst thou want if he provide?
Or lose thy way with such a guide?

When first before his mercy seat
Thou didst to him thy all commit;
He gave the warrant from that hour
To trust his wisdom, love, and power.

Did ever trouble yet befal,
And he refuse to hear thy call?
And has *he not* his promise pass'd
That thou shalt overcome at last?

He, who has help'd me hitherto,
Will help me all my journey through;
And give me daily cause to raise
New Ebenezers to his praise.

Though rough and thorny be the road;
It leads thee home apace to God.
Then count the present trials small;
For heaven will make amends for all.

PRAYER

For Friday Evening.

Most glorious and gracious God, who dwellest in the highest heavens! we desire to adore with the most lively thankfulness thy condescension and love towards the children of men. Though we have left thee, our heavenly Father, and rebelled against thee after thou hadst nourished and brought us up as children, thou dost invite us again to become the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty. We bless thee for thy gracious declaration, that, to as many as receive Christ Jesus, to them thou givest power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on *his name.* O let us not receive thy grace *in vain!* We would come to thee acknow-

›dging that we are unworthy to be called ıy children ; but at the same time relying n thy promised mercy and grace, we ·ould entreat that thou wouldest give us ew hearts and create right spirits within s ; that thou wouldest adopt us into thy ımily, and give unto us the spirit of doption ; that we may be followers of ıee as dear children, conformed to the nage of thy beloved Son, who is the first-orn among many brethren.

Heavenly Father, let *thy kingdom* of race *come in our hearts ;* and make us ›mples of the Holy Ghost. Let no in-ıuity have dominion over us. Make us ·illing in the day of thy power. Rule in s by the power of thy truth : and may ıe truth make us free, translating us out f the kingdom of Satan into the kingdom f thy dear Son. O give to each of us race to know and do thy will as it is done ı heaven. May we be filled with the nowledge of thy will in all wisdom and ›iritual understanding : and make us erfect in every good word and work. ·et the time past of our lives suffice us to ave wrought the will of the flesh.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that ıe kingdom of thy grace may come more *ıd more in our own land.* Here let thy

word have free course and be glorified. May all who agree in the truth of thy holy word, live in unity and godly love; truly serving thee in righteousness and holiness. May all orders and degrees of men serve thee in their several callings, to the discouragement of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of true religion and virtue.

And grant, O heavenly Father, that the *kingdoms of this world* may soon become the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ: may all be taught of God, and know thee, from the least to the greatest: and all the kindreds of the nations worship before thee.

And when thy *kingdom of glory* shall come, may we be of their happy number who look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus, to come in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. O make us ready for it, that we may lift up our heads with joy; knowing that our complete redemption draweth nigh. Mercifully hear these our prayers, and grant us every needful blessing for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Saturday Morning.

"It is finished." John xix. 30.

These are the last words of Jesus; and nay not every penitent believer say, they contain all my salvation. Redeeming love has now finished its glorious plan, and the triumph of the cross is completed.

While angels desire to look into these things, let our faith dwell upon their important meaning. Then all the prophesies and promises relating to this great event were fulfilled. All the types and figures of the Mosaic dispensation were answered; and the dispensation itself was at an end. Then the work of the Redeemer's public ministry was accomplished: and his obedience completed. The true and proper atonement for sin was then made; and the new and living way opened for the penitent and believing sinner. And then did infinite wisdom, justice, and mercy, shine forth in their brightest glory. The awakened sinner, who feels himself exposed *to the reproaches* of conscience, the *threatenings of* the divine law, and the

dread of death; who feels himself every way undone and hopeless, may here see an all-sufficient atonement, and a complete righteousness. Here he may look with solid, rational, and delightful hope; may feel his conscience purged from dead works; see his pardon signed and sealed; and a new title to eternal life made out and finished. Hence he receives strength against in-dwelling corruption, and all his spiritual adversaries. Hence he learns to hate all sin, to love and practice holiness; to delight in God, to overcome the world, and to seek a better, even an heavenly country. Here his heart feels the peace of God that passeth all understanding: here he begins the new and divine life, serving the living God, worshipping him in spirit and in truth, and obeying the law of righteousness with a cheerful and enlarged heart. Here he learns and practices patience and submission to the divine will; and waits for the Lord Jesus from heaven to finish his glorious plan of redemption. How great the guilt of trifling with a Saviour thus presented to our notice! A Saviour whose character and righteousness is so acceptable to God! That only name *by which we* can be saved! Lord give me *grace to see* more and more of my unwor-

thiness, that I may glory in the cross of Christ. Let this be my only refuge, hope, and consolation! Upon this enable me daily to live in humble and obedient faith; in the comfort of this let me die; and then I am sure it will be the subject of my admiration, joy, and praise, throughout a never ending eternity. Amen.

HYMN

For Saturday Morning.

Hark! the voice of love and mercy
Sounds aloud from Calvary!
See! it rends the rocks asunder,
Shakes the earth and veils the sky!
"It is finish'd,"
Hear the dying Saviour cry!

It is finish'd! O what pleasure
Do these precious words afford!
Heavenly blessings without measure
Flow to us from Christ the Lord!
It is finish'd!
Saints, the dying words record.

Finish'd is the great salvation,
Jesus has fulfill'd the law;
Finish'd all that God had promis'd;
Death and hell no more shall awe!
It is finish'd!
Sinners, hence your comfort draw.

Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs;
Join to sing the glorious theme;
All on earth and all in heaven,
Join to praise Emanuel's name.
Hallelujah!
Glory to the bleeding Lamb!

PRAYER

For Saturday Morning.

O God of all grace, blessed be thy glorious name, who of thy abundant mercy hast provided a Saviour for lost sinners! It is thy own command, that those who believe in God should believe also in him. "This is life eternal, to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." In all we do we stand i need of this Saviour. There is no healin for our souls, but by his grace; no pea for our consciences, but in the reconcil tion he has made for us. Without t all-sufficient Redeemer, we are lost ever. We beseech thee, therefore, O L whatever else we want, leave us not de tute of an interest in this Saviour, w thou art graciously pleased to hold f even to the most sinful and unwo We would thankfully accept of his in tion to the weary and heavy laden.

would take of the water of life, which is offered without money, and without price. O make us more acquainted with this gracious way of salvation; and may we submit ourselves to the righteousness of God.

Dear Lord, give us thy Son to save us, and thy Spirit to draw us to him; and enable us to take hold of him, and believe in him to the saving of our souls. May we never distrust his power or his love; nor be faithless, but believing that "he is able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto God by him." To him would we bring our guilty souls to be washed in his blood, and sanctified by his Spirit. O let us have "peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ." May "Christ dwell in our hearts by faith;" and may "the life we now live in the flesh, be by the faith of the Son of God, who loved us, and gave himself for us:" and "though now we see him not, yet believing may we rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory." O Lord, mercifully fulfil unto us thy gracious promises to blot out thy people's transgressions, not to suffer sin to have dominion over them; to give them a new heart, and a right spirit; to teach and quicken them; to put *thy Spirit* within them, and cause *them to walk in* thy statutes; to perfor

the good work in them until the day of Christ; to put thy fear in their hearts, that they may not depart from thee; to preserve them unto thy heavenly kingdom, and give unto them eternal life! O exceeding great and precious promises! Let us lay them up in our hearts, as the richest treasure; and despise all the pleasures of this world in comparison of Thyself, thy Son, thy Spirit, thy love, thy grace and glory.

And, O Lord, are any before thee strangers to the inestimable value of these precious promises, alienated from the life of God, and going astray like lost sheep? O bring them back unto thee, the Shepherd and Bishop of their souls. Thy cords of love can draw them, or thy terrors can drive them into thy fold. Turn them, O Lord, and they shall be turned. We would plead at the footstool of thy grace for all those who are near and dear to us; may they be joined with us in the bonds of thine everlasting covenant, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

For Saturday Evening.

Ye that pass by, behold the Man,
  The man of grief condemn'd for you!
The Lamb of God for sinners slain,
  Weeping to Calvary pursue.

See there, his temples crown'd with thorns;
  His bleeding hands extended wide;
His streaming feet transfixt and torn;
  The fountain gushing from his side!

The earth could to her centre quake,
  Convuls'd while her Deliv'rer died;
O may our inmost nature shake,
  And bow with Jesus crucified.

The rocks could feel thy pow'rful death,
  And tremble and asunder part:
O rend with thy expiring breath
  The harder marble of our heart.

PRAYER

For Saturday Evening.

O most gracious God! enable us to
lesire *thee as* our chiefest good; and to
me to thee, as our merciful Father, in

the Son of thy love. In his great name and prevailing mediation alone it is, that we, who have multiplied our offences against thee, are encouraged still to present our persons and our prayers before thee. We dare not appear in the presence of thy glorious majesty in our own names, or trusting in our own righteousness: Our guilt is so great, and our iniquities so grievous, that we have just cause to be ashamed to come before thy throne, and to tremble for fear of thy judgments. We would therefore flee for refuge to the atoning sacrifice and meritorious righteousness of Jesus Christ our Lord, whom thou delightest to honour in sparing, accepting, and saving contrite and returning sinners. For his sake, we beseech thee to pardon all the transgressions for which our hearts condemn us: and those of which thou that art greater than our hearts knowest us to be guilty; and seal to us a full pardon through faith in his most precious blood. May we no longer live to ourselves, following our own corrupt wills, and fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind. O put an end to all our presumptuous conduct towards thy heavenly all-seeing Majesty; and create in us new and clean, penitent and contrite hearts, that

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to descend and rest upon our souls.
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ı of our hearts, and by the power of
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vith thee; such a sight and sense of
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ı of our justification through him as
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ith praise, and influence us to live
ıim that died for us and rose again.
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ıppoint us. We beseech thee, O
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past day; and for thy unwearied
ess which has followed us through-
e week, and during the whole course
lives. Graciously go on to abound
's us in *loving*-kindness and tender
, *forgiving* our innumerable sins

and supplying our every want. Take charge of us this night. Hide us in thy pavilion, and compass us about with songs of deliverance. If sleepless hours are appointed us, may our hearts be occupied in thy statutes. And at length bring us to the heavenly city, where there is no night, but the glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. Prepare us, O Lord, for thy approaching sabbath; and enable us to improve it to thy glory and our own benefit. Suffer us not to waste its sacred hours either in sleep or indolence: but may we rise to pray to and to praise thee. May we awake with a devout sense of thy great goodness. And as our blessed Redeemer on that day rose from the dead, so may we also rise in holy desires to the place of his heavenly abode, and join with thy servants above in shewing forth the glory of thy name. Heavenly Father, tune our hearts to sing thy praise.

And now, O God of our salvation! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one eternal Jehovah, to thee be equal and everlasting glory ascribed. Amen.

FIFTH WEEK.

MEDITATION

For the Lord's Day Morning.

WATER OF LIFE.

"Whosoever drinketh of this water, shall thirst again; but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him, shall never thirst." John iv. 13.

Condescending and compassionate Redeemer, who could forget his own hunger and his own thirst, that he might lead guilty sinners to the water of life! O gracious gift of God to the children of men! Lord, evermore give us this living water. O pour out upon us the influences of thy renewing Spirit to take away our thirst for worldly good. Never let us seek for water in broken cisterns that cannot hold it: again and again shall we thirst, and again and again shall we be disappointed, while we go thither to draw. Lord give us this *living* water; this well of heavenly consolation and joy, that will *never fail; which* will spring up amidst *the thirsty deserts,* the cares and sorrows

the vanity and disappointment that sin has introduced; that blessed fountain which divine grace has opened to cleanse, purify, enliven, and rejoice the heart. And, oh! let our hearts feel, let our lives shew its heavenly influence, its renewing efficacy, till we grow nearer and nearer to Thee, who art the fountain of life, and in whose presence is fulness of joy. There alone can be satisfied the thirst of an immortal soul. Blessed Jesus! hast thou opened this spring in our hearts? O never let it fail. Let it spring up in our souls to the glory and praise of God. Let it be in us a well of water springing up unto everlasting life; cheering and refreshing us till we reach the bliss of heaven; where the streams of Eden will flow again. There they who drink of them shall forget their earthly poverty, and remember the miseries of the world no more. Some drops from this celestial spring are sufficient to make us for a time forget our sorrows, even while we are in the midst of them. What then may we not expect from those rivers of pleasure which are at thy right hand, O Lord, for evermore?

HYMN

For the Lord's Day Morning.

Let every mortal ear attend,
  And every heart rejoice;
The Trumpet of the Gospel sounds
  With an inviting voice.

Ho! all ye hungry, starving souls,
  That feed upon the wind,
And vainly strive with earthly toys
  To fill an empty mind:

Eternal wisdom has prepar'd
  A soul reviving feast;
And bids your longing appetites
  The rich provision taste.

Ho! ye that pant for living streams,
  And pine away and die;
Here you may quench your raging thirst,
  With springs that never dry.

Rivers of love and mercy here,
  In a rich ocean join!
Salvation in abundance flows,
  Like floods of milk and wine.

Dear Lord! the treasures of thy love
  Are everlasting mines,
Deep as our helpless mis'ries are,
  And boundless as our sins.

The happy gates of Gospel Grace
Stand open night and day;
Lord, we are come to seek supplies,
And drive our wants away.

PRAYER

For the Lord's Day Morning.

O Lord, our God, who art most glorious in thyself, and most gracious in thy ever blessed Son; we desire, and more especially on this thine own day, to bless and praise thy holy name for all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus: for all the means of grace afforded us here, and the hope of glory hereafter. Mercifully vouchsafe to meet us this day with thy heavenly grace both in our private and public attendance on thee. O grant us the assistance of thy holy Spirit, and enable us to engage with the most serious attention and fervent affection in every part of thy divine service. May we have the liveliest sense of thy glorious perfections when we *praise* thee; and the most delightful remembrance of thy mercies when we *give thee thanks*. May our *prayers* be presented before thee *with hungering* and thirsting after the influences of thy grace. May we hear thy

word with the most ardent desire to know and be conformed to thy will. O let us sit at thy feet and receive thy law, even the instructions of life, from thy lips! May we receive the oracles of God in the power and demonstration of the Spirit!

Let *thy blessing* attend thy word and ordinances, that we may increase in knowledge and wisdom, in meekness and humility, in faith and charity, and in a sincere and universal obedience to all thy commands. Let the law of the spirit of life, which is in Christ Jesus, deliver every one of us from the law of sin and death; give us, we pray thee, repentance unto life never to be repented of: and let the good things which accompany salvation be multiplied unto us exceedingly, through the knowledge of our incarnate Lord.

Subdue every corrupt and inordinate affection: accomplish in our souls the work of faith with power: sanctify us throughout: fulfil in us all the good pleasure of thy will: and keep us by thy mighty power unto everlasting salvation; to that inheritance which is incorruptible, undefiled, and fadeth not away.

And as, O Lord, thou hast commanded us to make *prayer* and supplication for *others, as well as* for ourselves; we be-

seech thee to extend thy grace and mercy to all mankind. O send thy enlightening grace to those that are in darkness, and thy converting grace to those that are in sin. Raise up and send forth into thy harvest many faithful, able, and laborious ministers; and grant an abundant increase to the seed sown. Let all Christians walk worthy of their high calling in Christ Jesus, and live up to the laws and privileges of the holy religion they profess. Mercifully relieve the poor and afflicted; sanctify all their sorrows, and distresses; and in thy own due time send them a happy deliverance out of all their troubles.

Those who are near and dear to us are, O Lord, known unto thee, with all their wants and desires: we beseech thee to relieve and bless them according to their various necessities. May we all be united in the bonds of redeeming love to Christ Jesus our Lord, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. May we be of that happy number of whom Jesus says, "My brethren are these, which *hear* the word of God, and *do* it." May we all know thee and love thee, from the greatest unto the least: may we fear thee, and think upon thy name; and speak often of thee one to another. And oh! may we

l be thine in that day when thou shalt ake up thy jewels; when thou shalt turn and discern between the righteous ıd the wicked, between him that serveth od, and him that serveth him not. And length may we all meet around thy rone, and unite in praising, loving, and joying Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for er and ever. Amen.

HYMN

For the Lord's Day Evening.

Blest Jesus, source of grace divine,
What soul refreshing streams are thine!
O bring these healing waters nigh,
Or we must faint, and fall, and die.

No traveller through desert lands,
'Midst scorching suns and burning sands,
More eager longs for cooling rain;
Or pants the living spring to gain.

Our longing souls aloud would sing,
Spring up, celestial fountain, spring;
To a redundant river flow,
And cheer this thirsty land below.

May these blest waters near my side,
Through all the desert gently glide;
Then, in Emanuel's land above,
Spread to a sea of joy and love.

PRAYER

For the Lord's Day Evening.

O almighty God, and heavenly Fa
from whom cometh down every gooc
perfect gift! we come to thee as
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Cl
and in him the God of all comfort
the source of all blessedness. What g
and mercy hast thou bestowed on us
ful dust and ashes! Who, and wha
we, that the Lord of Hosts should co
scend to draw us nigh unto himself!
thou shouldest permit us to find a pla
thy house, and number us amongst
worshippers! How great is our priv
in being allowed to hear and read
word: to join with thy people in pr
and praise; and in having the unsea
able riches of Christ opened to our
poverished souls!

But, O Lord, we lament that we
been so unworthy of thy goodness tow
us; so vain and thoughtless, so dul
lifeless, so wandering and distracted.
little of thy word has been treasured
our hearts! how little have we delig
in the truths of Christ; or felt the

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of sin and the beauty of holiness! For-
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things; and sprinkle our persons and
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blessed day; O let not the means of
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O that we may long retain its holy
ences. May the good seed of thy word
root in our hearts, and bring forth
fruits of righteousness in our tempers,
, and conversation. O give us more
to thyself, and to Jesus Christ the
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ny delight we have experienced in thy
hip and service, both in the solemn

assembly of thy saints and in devout retirement. O carry on in us thy good work, till at length it be finished in heavenly joy and praise in thy immediate presence.

Let the Saviour become increasingly precious to us all for that great love wherewith he loved us, and the inestimable benefits he has by his blood-shedding obtained for us. May his name be known, and his salvation rejoiced in throughout the whole earth.

May all who are dear to us partake of this great salvation. O thou Shepherd and Bishop of souls, bring back to thine own self those who are still as sheep going astray. Teach trangressors thy ways, and let sinners be converted unto thee.

We bless thee, O Lord, that thy tabernacle is still amongst us; and that there still remains the keeping of a sabbath to the people of God. May thy day be more devoutly hallowed, and thy sanctuary increasingly reverenced. And hasten, we humbly beseech thee, the fulfilment of thy gracious promise, that "all the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord, and all the kindreds of the nations worship before thee." Hear, O Lord, these our supplications and intercessions, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Monday Morning.

"Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house: and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house: and it fell, and great was the fall of it." Matt. vii. 24—27.

We have every one of us a house to build, and that house is our hope for heaven. Our great business is to secure a title to the happiness of heaven; that when we fail, we may be received into everlasting habitations. There is a rock provided for us to build upon, and that rock is Christ. The Church is built upon this rock; and so is every believer. We must ground our hope for heaven upon the fulness of his sacrifice and merits for the pardon of sin and eternal life, on the power of his Spirit for *the sanctification* of our nature, and *the prevalency* of his intercession for ou

acceptance at a throne of grace. He is sufficient for all our necessities; he is a Saviour to the uttermost. He is strong and immoveable as a rock. We may venture our all upon him, and shall never be ashamed of our hope. Happy souls, who, by hearing and doing the sayings of Christ, build their hopes upon this rock; who having sincerely received him as their Prince and Saviour, make it their constant care to conform to all the rules of his holy religion; who depend entirely upon him for assistance from God, and acceptance with him; and count every thing but loss that they may win Christ, and be found in him.

To build upon a rock requires care and pains. They are the wise builders who lay a firm foundation, and begin to build so as that they may be able to finish. Every thing besides Christ is sand. Some build their hopes upon their external profession; the privileges they enjoy and the services they perform. They are called Christians, have been baptized, go to the sanctuary of God, hear the words of Christ, never omit their prayers, and do harm to no one. This is the light of their own fire, in which they walk; on which with much assurance they venture: but it is all sand, too weak to bear such a fabric as a hope

of heaven. There is a storm coming that will try every man's work, and will discover the foundation on which it rests; the rain, and floods, and wind, will beat vehemently upon the house. The trial is sometimes in this world: when tribulation and persecution arise because of the word, then it is seen who only hear the word, and who both hear and practise it. Then, when we have occasion to use our hopes, it will be tried whether they were right and well grounded or not. When death and judgment come, then the storm comes; and it will undoubtedly come, how calm soever things may be with us now.

The hopes that foolish builders ground upon any thing but Christ, will certainly fail them in a stormy day. They will yield them no true comfort in trouble, in the hour of death, and the day of judgment: they will be no fence against temptation or apostacy in a time of persecution. Whereever is the hope of a hypocrite, his house shall not stand when God taketh away his soul. The house, we are told, fell *in the storm*, when the builder had most need of it, and expected it should be a shelter to him. It fell when it was too late to build another. When a wicked man dies, his *expectation perishes*. It fell, and gre?

was the fall of it; great was the disappoi
ment, and great the loss and shame.

But the hopes that are built upon Chri
the Rock of Ages, will not disappoint t
builder. They will stand when the sto
comes; they will be his preservation bo
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quiet. His profession will not wither, l
comforts will not fail; they will be
strength and song, as an anchor of t
soul sure and stedfast. And when he con
to the last encounter, those hopes w
ward off the terrors of death and the grav
and carry him cheerfully through the da
valley: they will be approved by t
Judge, will stand the test of the great d
and be crowned with endless glory.

HYMN

For Monday Morning.

Let worldly builders raise their house
Upon the moving sands:
Firm on the Rock of Ages fix'd
The heavenly buildings stands.

That rock is Christ: no other name
Avails before the throne;
His bleeding love shall still remain
Sufficient and alone.

'Twas grace first laid the living stone,
And there engrav'd its law:
Grace shall the glorious Top-stone crown
With shouts of heavenly joy.

A house eternal in the heavens
Not earth or hell can move:
And grace, *free grace*, alone, shall crown
The purchase of his love.

Firm as the everlasting hills
That promise shall remain,
" Where *I* enjoy my Father's love,
You shall enjoy the same.

PRAYER

For Monday Morning.

O thou that searchest the heart and
iest the reins of the children of men, be-
ore thee we desire to bow with the great-
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earts, to try us and know our thoughts;
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es, and subject to numberless and fatal
rors and dangers. O Father of lights,
id out thy light and thy truth! let ther

lead us, let them bring us to thy holy habitation. We adore thee, that thou hast condescended to shew to us, thy wandering and guilty creatures, the path of peace, of safety, and of life.

We bless thee that thou hast laid in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone; assuring us, that he who believeth in him shall not be ashamed. Preserve us from building our hopes of pardon, peace, and happiness, on any other basis than that which thou hast appointed. May we look to the Lord Jesus Christ as the only foundation, and on him may we rest. May we deeply feel, that if we seek to lay any other foundation, our building will prove to be only a refuge of lies; no covert from the storm, no shelter from the tempest. Under the guidance of thy holy Spirit may we repose on the Rock of Ages; that so the structure of our hopes and expectations may never be destroyed. And thus coming unto Jesus Christ the living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God and precious, may we as lively stones be built up a spiritual house to the praise of the glory of thy grace.

O give us such a knowledge of the *terrors of the* Lord, and such a lively con-

viction that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, to receive according to the things done in the body, that we may constantly labour to be accepted of him, and to make our calling and election sure.

Possess us, we beseech thee, with an abiding and influential sense of the future and eternal blessedness of thy believing people; and give us a well grounded hope, that when our earthly tabernacles shall be dissolved, we shall have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Vouchsafe unto us the earnest of the Spirit; and so sanctify and spiritualize our affections, that we may long for mortality to be swallowed up of life, to be absent from the body and present with the Lord.

O Lord, look down upon all who have never heard the sayings of Jesus, or who hearing do them not. May his voice be heard in every land, and in every house: and grant that those who hear may not refuse him that speaketh, but diligently attend to the things which belong unto their everlasting peace, ere they shall be for ever hidden from their eyes. Especially be *pleased* to bless all our relations *and friends;* make them and us wise unt

salvation: that so, after having passed through this present vain and evil world, we may all meet together around thy throne, to praise and love thee for evermore. We earnestly implore thee, O Lord, to accept our feeble praises, and answer our imperfect petitions, not according to our worthiness, but according to thy power and grace, which is able to do for us exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour; to whom with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

For Monday Evening.

Behold the sure foundation stone
  Which God in Zion lays,
To build our heavenly hopes upon,
  And his eternal praise.

Chosen of God, to sinners dear,
  And saints adore the name;
They trust their whole salvation here:
  Nor shall they suffer shame.

The foolish builder, scribe and priest,
  Reject it with disdain:
Yet on this rock the church shall rest,
  And envy rage in vain.

What though the gates of hell withstood,
Yet must this building rise:
'Tis thine own work, Almighty God!
And wondrous in our eyes.

PRAYER

For Monday Evening.

Infinitely great and gracious God, thou hast promised to draw nigh unto all those who call upon thy name. Help us by the influence of thy Holy Spirit to approach thee in sincerity, believing that thou searchest the heart, and requirest those who worship thee to do so in spirit and in truth. Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; and we, O Lord, are conscious that even our best services are defiled: yet we venture near to thy mercy seat: for glory be to thy name, thou hast found out a way in which thou canst be just, and yet the justifier of all who come unto thee. O lead us in this new and living way; help us to plead the merits, and trust in the mercy of our great Advocate. We thank thee that the Saviour ever lives to make intercession for us. May we love him who hath loved us, and given himself for us; may his blood speak peace to our souls. And though we have destroyed our

selves, yet in him may our help be found. May we admire the wonders of redeeming love; and seeing we were bought with a price, may we ever remember whose we are, and whom we ought to serve. We know that we are bound to love him and live to him, who gave himself a ransom for us; but we feel by sad experience the deceitfulness of our own hearts; and therefore, blessed Lord, we come to thee, the strong, for strength. O draw us, and we will run after thee; put thy fear into our hearts, and then we shall not depart from thee. What thou art in thyself, O Lord, ever be to us: may thy *wisdom* be ours to counsel and direct us; thy *power* ours to protect and support us; thy *justice* ours to justify us; thy *holiness* ours to sanctify us; thy *goodness* ours to love and supply us. May we depend on thy *truth* as the security of all thy precious promises; and in the world to come may we find a joy unspeakable and full of glory. O Lord, graciously bestow upon us all the blessings which we need for life and godliness; especially give us hearts deeply sensible of all thy goodness. Let us lie down and rest this night under thy guardian care and protection: grant us quiet and refreshing sleep; and may we arise in the

morning with fresh vigour for the duties of life, and with hearts unreservedly devoted to thy service. Hear us while we supplicate thy favour to rest on our beloved friends and relatives: may we all be found in covenant relation with thee. May thy cause prosper in the earth, and thy name be known among all nations. We entreat thee to forgive our sins, to receive our prayers, and to accept and bless us for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Tuesday Morning.

"Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." John ii. 47.

Such may our character be in the sight of God and man. Let us be able to appeal to God as the witness of our integrity; "Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love thee." The royal law is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy might."

Let there be truth in all we do; and, as much as in us lies, nothing but truth. Let us love *in truth, let* us speak the truth in *love: let our hearts* be in every word; or

in every step of our lives let the heart do all. Let the heart pray, let the heart hear, let the heart bestow, and lend, and forgive. Let the grace of God in our hearts do all.

Heart and tongue, prayer and practice, must mutually respond one to the other, or all will be lost. It is not the sweetness of the voice, nor the multitude of words or eloquent expressions, that pleases Jehovah; but truth in the inward parts. The reason why men are so unsuccessful in religious duties and services is, because they are not more sincere and upright in them. Were there more singleness of heart in duties, we should have surer and sweeter returns from heaven. The more sincere we are, the more will prayer be the life and support of our souls: the more shall we rejoice in God and be loved of him. He delights in those who delight in his service. Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full!

It is not a divided heart that will satisfy the Maker of it. Gracious souls come from prayer with hearts more disengaged from sin, more set against it. The precious communion they have with God, the sweet breathings of God into their hearts, and the secret movings of the Spirit upon their souls in prayer, arm them more

against sin. How shall I do this great wickedness and sin against God? I cannot, I will not do any thing unworthy of him who hath caused all his goodness to pass before me; and hath called me to glory, honour, and immortality.

The true Israelite must also have a conscience void of offence towards man, as well as sincere before God. It must be tender of every evil; not only of the greatest and most scandalous, but of the smallest sins; not only of open sins, such as come to the view of men, but of the most secret sins; the most inward and spiritual wickedness, such as needs fear no reprover but conscience. The true Christian must be tender not only of sins of commission, but also of omissions and neglects; not only of neglects, but negligences in duties; that deadness, formality, coldness, hypocrisy, and distractions, which arise from the negligent performance of our duty to God or man. It may be we cannot *wholly omit* a duty, a season of praying or hearing, without our hearts presently condemning us; but how often are we remiss and negligent in the performance, and yet feel not the reproof? It may be we take some care in the matters of *our own* souls; but what *are we doing for* our families, our friend

and acquaintance? It may be we dare not *conform* to evil men, nor have fellowship with them in evil ways; but do we not *connive* at them? We do not render evil for evil, nor railing for railing; but do we return good for evil? Do we pity and pray for our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and labour by all means to gain their hearts? It may be we dare not be unrighteous or unjust in our dealings; but are we not unmerciful, implacable, contentious? We dare not lie, nor swear; but are we so watchful as we should be against idle and vain talkings, unedifying and unsavoury discourse? We cannot suffer any root of malice in our hearts; but are there not many sudden and furious fits of anger breaking forth with much bitter and reproachful language? Are we not fretful and impatient, without laying it much to heart? Doth conscience check us for every evil, and make resistance against it? O that our consciences were universally tender! Our pride will not bear any thing that reflects upon our reputation; our covetousness will not bear any thing that is a hindrance to our gains; our passions scarcely bear the least cross or unpleasing *word.* Oh, if conscience were in every *thing* as tender, what Christians should we

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HYMN

For Tuesday Morning.

Awake, my soul! the sun has risen;
With the new day prepare for heaven:
Put *off thy sins* in thought and deed,
And shine an *Israelite indeed.*

Let all thy converse be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noon-day clear:
Think how th' all-seeing God, thy ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.

Redeem thy misspent moments past,
And live this day as if thy last:
Thy talents to improve take care;
For the great day thyself prepare.

Great God, control, suggest this day,
All I design, or do, or say;
That all my powers with all their might
To seek thy glory may unite.

Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart!
With angel hosts to bear thy part;
Who day and night unwearied sing,
Glory to the eternal King.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flo
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER

For Tuesday Morning.

Almighty and most merciful Fath whose ears are ever open to the souls tl *seek thee* in sincerity and truth, disp *us ever to* direct our prayer unto thee

look up. May we daily wait at thy footstool for thy blessing; for thou art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in goodness and truth.

In thee we live, and move, and have our being; it is thou alone who holdest our souls in life. It is thou, our heavenly Father, who hast protected us during the past night, and hast brought us to meet together in health and peace this morning, the living monuments of thy sparing mercy and providential care.

But thou hast done for us greater things than these, which call for our gratitude and praise. Thou hast sent thy only Son into the world to redeem us from sin and everlasting death. Bless the Lord, O our souls: and all that is within us bless his holy name! We would bless thee at all times; thy praise shall continually be in our mouths; we will magnify thee with the voice of thanksgiving, and exalt thy name together.

But thou requirest us to glorify thee not only with our lips, but in our lives. Dispose us this day to serve thee faithfully, in simplicity and godly sincerity. Grant that every morning may find our hearts more enlarged to run the way

thy commandments. May it become more and more the earnest desire of our souls, and the great business of our lives, to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. And do thou, O almighty God, continually work in us both to will and to do of thy good pleasure. Let our conversation be daily in heaven, and our whole behaviour such as becometh holiness. May we be jealous over our hearts, and ever keep them with all diligence, remembering that out of them are the issues of life. Enable us, O God, to set a watch before our mouths, and to keep the door of our lips; may no communication proceed out of them, but that which is good for the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Save us from that fear of man which bringeth a snare: while we are willing to become all things to all men for their spiritual good, keep us from making shipwreck of faith and a good conscience. And grant, O Lord, that we may shew ourselves partakers of thy grace, by holding the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end We look up unto thee, thou compassionate High Priest, who alone art able to keep us from falling, and who art touched with the feeling of our infirmities, beseeching thee to carry on in

our souls from day to day the work of faith with power. Fill us with the knowledge of thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Strengthen us with all might according to thy glorious power, that we may walk worthy of thee unto all pleasing; being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Thus, heavenly Father, help us to glorify thee in our bodies and our spirits which are thine: put thy fear within us that we may not depart from thee: make us to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein is our desire. Give us understanding that we may keep thy law, yea that we may keep it with our whole heart.

Give us wisdom and grace to honour thee by uprightness and fidelity in all our ways. Preserve us from all unchristian tempers and pursuits: may we exercise ourselves to have always a conscience void of offence, both towards thee and towards men, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. May we be approved in thy sight as Israelites indeed, in whom is no guile; and be numbered among the true followers of the Lamb of God, who did no sin, neither was guile

found in his mouth. Amen: and, May peace of God, &c.

HYMN

For Tuesday Evening.

Lord, plant a principle within
  Of jealous, godly fear;
A sensibility of sin,
  And grief to find it near.

Give us the first approach to feel
  Of pride and vain desire;
To watch the wand'rings of the will,
  And quench the kindling fire.

The filial awe, the feeling heart,
  The deep compunction give;
That we from thee no more may part,
  No more thy Spirit grieve.

Quick as the apple of an eye,
  O God, our conscience make;
Awake its fears when sin is nigh,
  And keep them still awake.

O! may the least omission pain
  Our well-instructed soul;
And drive us to that grace again,
  Which makes the wounded whole.

PRAYER

For Tuesday Evening.

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d and Father in Christ! look down
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and take notice of us weak and
creatures, worshipping this evening
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and peace. Fit us for death and
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for the holiness and blessedness
kingdom in glory.

Protect us by thy providence, and
us by thy grace through this nigh
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Whether we wake or sleep, live or
us be thine for ever!

We praise thee, O our God, for the ease and health, and all the comforts of this day, and of our whole lives. But above all, we bless thee for Jesus Christ, who came to purchase salvation for us by his most precious blood. We bless thee that we have been brought up under the sound of thy gospel; and have been early acquainted with thy Holy Word, wherein is all our hope of everlasting life and glory. We beseech thee to accept our unworthy prayers and praises through the rich incense of our Redeemer's intercession, who is most worthy; and in whose name and words we would further call upon thee, as "Our Father which art in heaven," &c.

MEDITATION

For Wednesday Morning.

"The God of all grace make you perfect." 1 Peter, v. 10.

It is an excellent life, and it is the proper life of a Christian, to be daily outstripping himself, to be spiritually wiser, holier, more heavenly minded to-day than yesterday, and to-morrow (if it be added to his life) than to-day: every day lovin

the world less, and Christ more, than the former; and gaining some further victory over his secret corruptions; having his passions more subdued and mortified, his desires in all temporal things more cool and indifferent, and in spiritual things more ardent: that miserable lightness of spirit cured, and his heart rendered more solid and fixed upon God, aspiring to more near communion with him; labouring that particular graces may be made more lively and strong, by often exercising and stirring them up; his faith more confirmed, love more inflamed, composed meekness producing more deep humility. Oh! this were a worthy ambition indeed! you would have your estates growing, and your credit growing; how much rather should you seek to have your graces growing; and not be content with any thing you have attained to? But all our endeavours and diligence in this will be in vain, unless we look for our perfecting and establishing from that *right hand*, without which we do nothing; *the God of all grace make you perfect*. The humble believer sees himself beset with enemies without, and buckled to a treacherous heart within, that will *betray him to* them; and he dare no more *trust himself* to himself, than to his most

fessed enemies. He finds that when
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gs *of desires*, he is encouraged by the
tness of the work, *not* to despise th

day of small things; and knowing, that it is *not by any power nor might, but by his Spirit*, that it shall be accomplished; he lays hold on that word, Job. viii. 7, "*Though thy beginning be small, yet thy latter end shall greatly increase.*" The well instructed Christian *looks to Jesus*, looks off from all opposition and difficulties; looks above them *to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.* Though thou art weak, he is strong; and is *he that strengthens thee, and renews thy strength*, when it seems to be gone and quite spent, he makes it fresh and greater than ever before. A weak believer, and his strong Saviour, will be too hard for all that can rise against them. If we make him all our strength, then shall we indeed find his fulness and all-sufficiency, and *be more than conquerors through him who hath loved us.*

HYMN

For Wednesday Morning.

I ask'd the Lord, that I might grow
In faith, and love, and ev'ry grace;
Might more of his salvation know,
And seek more earnestly his face,

'Twas he who taught me thus to pray;
And he, I trust, has answer'd prayer;
But it has been in such a way,
As almost drove me to despair.

I hop'd that in some favour'd hour,
At once he'd answer my request;
And by his love's constraining power,
Subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Instead of this, he made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart;
And let the angry powers of hell
Assault my soul in ev'ry part.

Yea more, with his own hand he seem'd
Intent to aggravate my woe;
Cross'd all the fair designs I schem'd,
Blasted my gourds, and laid me low.

Lord, why is this? I trembling cry'd,
Wilt thou pursue thy worm to death?
"'Tis in this way," the Lord reply'd,
"I answer prayer for grace and faith.

"These inward trials I employ,
"From self and pride to set thee free!
"And break thy schemes of earthly joy,
"That thou may'st seek thy all in me."

PRAYER

For Wednesday Morning.

O thou uncreated Majesty, the so
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is life eternal! we desire to bless t
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nable us to devote our hearts to thee, nd to offer them on the holy altar erected ı the mediation of thy well-beloved Son.) that we could present unto thee hearts ıore feeling, more ardent, more sincere.)o thou, who alone canst kindle the sacrice, send down thy heavenly fire into our ɔuls. Let it consume all remaining dross, nd consecrate to thy service whatever good ıou hast implanted. May our hearts be 'ashed in the precious and all-atoning blood f Jesus. Let us ever look towards thee, and)llow after thee; and no longer be content ·ith any inferior good. Though, alas! we do ot love thee as we wish; yet blessed be ıy name if, from our hearts, we desire to)ve thee more, and seek no greater hapiness than in perfectly and endlessly)ving and being loved by thee. And nce, O Lord, we never could have been rought back to thyself but by a teacher ɜnt from God; glory be to thy name for iving thine only Son to be the Shepherd ıd Bishop of our souls. Above all, we lore thine undeserved mercy if thou hast y thy Holy Spirit taught us that there is o way so suitable to our souls; no remedy) adapted to our misery, as that which ıou *hast provided* in thy offered covenant 'grace. *O may* we see that this doctrin

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sion of the glory which thou has
chased and promised. Amen.

HYMN

For Wednesday Evening.

Father, whate'er of earthly bliss
Thy sov'reign will denies,
Accepted at thy throne of grace
Let this petition rise.

Give me a calm, a thankful heart,
From every murmur free;
The blessings of thy grace impart,
And let me live to thee.

Let the sweet hope that thou art mine,
My life and death attend;
Thy presence through my journey shine,
And crown my journey's end.

PRAYER

For Wednesday Evening.

O God, who art ever present, and nowest all things: thy majesty and con-escension, thy justice and compassion, are ike infinite and adorable. Thine is the ngdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted ead over all. Be thou our strong tower, id help us to take refuge under the iadow of thy wings.

We desire this evening to humble our-lves in thy presence for the sins of the ast day, and of our whole lives. Give us, e entreat thee, such a knowledge of thy oly law, that we may be deeply sensible f our exceeding sinfulness; and so judge urselves, that we may not be condemned t *thy awful tribunal.* Help us, O gracious *ord, to believe* thy Gospel with livin

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MEDITATION

For Thursday Morning.

THE CHRISTIAN PILGRIM.

"Dearly beloved, I beseech you, as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul." 1 Pet. ii. 11.

Remember, O my soul, this is not thy home: thou art upon a journey to thy Father's house, where thou must abide for ever. Even on thy journey home he permits thee freely to converse with him. O, then, see him that is invisible: hearken to him when he speaketh: obey his voice: observe his way: speak to him boldly, though humbly and reverently, as his child, about thy greatest concern. Tell him all thy sorrows, and confess all thy folly and unkindness: intreat his forgiveness, and plead the merits of thy Saviour. Converse with him about the way in which thou shouldest go. Desire his grace; give up thyself to his conduct and care. Weep over the history of thy ingratitude. Tell him how thou art most offended with *what has most* displeased him: that thou [illegible]ry with thy disobedient, unthankful.

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and art no more worthy to be call
son. However yet fly not from him
supplicate his pardon, and to be adı
to his service: and thou wilt find fo
ness when thou fearest condemn
Only return and keep closer to hi
the time to come. If the breach, th
thy neglect, has gone so far that
seemest to have lost thy God, and
cast off and forsaken; yet despair
for he doth but hide his face till th
pent. Lift up thy voice and cry, ir
of unbelief, my Father, my Savio

od ! and thou shalt at last hear him ad-
ress thee as his child ! Cry out, O why
ast thou forsaken me ? What shall I do
ere without thee ? O leave me not here
ı this waste howling wilderness ; let me
ot be a prey to my sins, to Satan, to my
ıes and thine. O beg of him that thy
anderings and childish folly may not be
ıken as acts of enmity, or at least that
ıey may be pardoned: and that though
e correct thee, he will return and not for-
ıke thee. Or if thou hast not words to
our out before him, at least smite upon
ıy breast: and though thou art ashamed
r afraid to look up towards heaven, yet
ıok down and say, "O Lord, be merciful
ı me a sinner!" and he will accept
ıee, and will number such a supplication
mongst the prayers which he cannot deny.
e will restore thee, and show thee where
was that thou didst go astray, by losing
ıyself and turning from him. Seek him
ıd thou shalt find him; for he never
ileth or forsaketh those that wait upon
im.

HYMN

For Thursday Morning.

"We've no abiding city here:"
This may distress the worldling's mind;
But should not cost the saint a tear,
Who hopes a better rest to find.

"We've no abiding city here:"
Sad truth, were this to be our home:
But, let the thought our spirits cheer,
"We seek a city yet to come."

"We've no abiding city here:"
Then let us live as pilgrims do:
Let not the world our rest appear;
But let us haste from all below.

"We've no abiding city here:"
We seek a city out of sight:
Zion its name, the Lord is there;
It shines with everlasting light.

Zion! Jehovah is her strength;
Secure she smiles at all her foes:
And weary travellers at length
Within her sacred walls repose.

O sweet abode of peace and love,
Where pilgrims free from toil are blest!
Had I the pinions of the dove,
I'd fly to thee, and be at rest.

But, hush! my soul, nor dare repine:
The time my God appoints is best:
While here, to do his will be mine,
And his to fix my time of rest!

PRAYER

For Thursday Morning.

lmighty God, and most merciful Fa-
, who of thy never failing goodness
mercy has protected and preserved
he last night, and safely brought us to
light of another day; defend us, we
r thee, in the same by thy mighty
er; and so prevent us with thy gracious
ur, and further us with thy continual
, that in all our works begun, con-
ed, and ended in thee, we may ever seek
honour and glory; and finally, by thy
cy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus
ist our blessed Lord and Saviour. For
sake we humbly pray thee to blot out
hy remembrance all our past sins and
rocations: and to work in our hearts
odly sorrow, a sincere repentance, and
eadfast resolution to amend our lives,
ording to thy holy word. To this end
pleased to assist us with the grace of
holy Spirit to overcome the depravity
ur natures, and sanctify us to thy ser

vice. Let our hearts and minds be more and more renewed; that, being transformed by the renewing of our minds, we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God; that we may be able to know and delight to do thy will, O God; and that thy law may be written in our hearts. Give us to know Christ and his life, that he may be formed in our hearts; and that he may live in us; that the same mind may be in us which was in Christ Jesus, that we may be made conformable to his death, in crucifying the flesh with its affections and lusts. Let thy grace always accompany us, and enable us to persevere unto the end. Make us perfect in every good work to do thy will; working in us that which is well pleasing in thy sight through Jesus Christ our Lord. And, as we are here but strangers and pilgrims, O let thy good Spirit guide and conduct us in our way through the wilderness of this sinful word. O let us not be led astray by the dangerous and alluring temptations with which it abounds: but preserve us from the snares laid by the devil and his emissaries, to entice us to sin and wickedness, and to plunge us into *endless* woe.

May we give all diligence to make our

lling and election sure. If any of us ve hitherto neglected the one thing edful, rested in a form of godliness, or any way deceived ourselves; O stir us up thout delay to seek first thy kingdom d righteousness, and to make all our her pursuits give place to this grand ncern.

Teach us to serve thee in our several re-ions and different employments, doing l in the name of the Lord Jesus. May e use our possessions, and improve our ne and talents, as knowing that shortly e must give an account of our steward-ip. At all times and in all places may e joyfully prepare for, and anticipate the ad summons, "Well done good and ithful servant, enter into the joy of thy ord." Grant us, O thou Fountain of fe, such consolations in communion with ee, as may bear us up above the tempta-ons and troubles of this world, and fix ir affections on things above.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father of ercies, graciously to look upon our beloved latives and friends. Bring home to thy ld such as still wander in the ways of n and folly; and communicate all sea-nable *help and* comfort to those who *ow thy name* and love thy salvation

And hasten that time when thy name sl
be known upon earth, and thy sav
health among all nations. We earnes
entreat every spiritual and temporal bl
ing for ourselves and others through
Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN

For Thursday Evening.

Children of the heavenly King!
As ye journey sweetly sing:
Sing your Saviour's worthy praise,
Glorious in his works and ways!

Ye are trav'lling home to God,
In the way the fathers trod:
They are happy now, and ye
Soon their happiness shall see.

Shout ye ransom'd flock, most blest;
Ye on Jesus' throne shall rest:
There your seat is now prepar'd,
There your kingdom and reward.

Fear not, brethren! joyful stand
On the borders of your land:
Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
Bids you undismay'd go on.

Lord, submissive may we go,
Gladly leaving all below:
Only thou our leader be,
And still let us follow thee.

PRAYER

For Thursday Evening.

"Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive
; our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead
; not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
r thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
ory, for ever and ever. Amen."

O almighty God, we desire to draw
igh unto thee with lively gratitude, that
iou encouragest us to look up to thee as
ur heavenly Father, who knowest all our
ants. We bless thee, that thou invitest
s to cast all our care upon thee, assuring
s that thou carest for us; and that thou
ilt keep those in perfect peace whose minds
re staid on thee, and make known their
equests unto thee in prayer and suppli-
ation, with thanksgiving. We adore
hine infinite goodness which encourages
s to ask the largest blessings; and
romises, that if we "seek first the king-
om of God and his righteousness, all other
hings shall be added unto us." Grant us,
herefore, O Lord, ever to remember that
ut one thing is needful; and let us not
e careful and troubled about many things:
it enable us to choose, to seek, and t

obtain that good part which shall never be taken away from us. And while we pray for the bread of life, we entreat thee also to give us food convenient for us, to supply all our necessary wants, and to grant that having food and raiment we may be therewith content. Prosper thou the work of our hands according to thine own infinite wisdom and goodness; and enable us to trust in thee with all our heart, not leaning to our own understanding; and preserve us from falling into those foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

And as, O heavenly Father, we pray for our daily bread, so we beseech thee for the daily forgiveness of our sins; for in many things we all offend every day. O cleanse us from our secret faults; and keep back thy servants also from presumptuous sins, that they get not the dominion over us. We confess with shame that we have not duly improved the talents with which we have been entrusted: that we have not rendered again according to thy benefits. We have deserved the wages of sin, and have been guilty of those things for which the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience. Our debt is great; and we have nothing to pay. But

glory be to thy name, O Lord, thou hast devised a way whereby thou canst be just, and yet justify him that believeth in Jesus. O grant that through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, thy Son, we may be cleansed from all sin; and purge our conscience from dead works to serve thee, the living God.

And, while we pray that thou wouldest mercifully forgive us *our* sins which are more than the hairs of our head, we beseech thee that *we* may forgive our enemies, love them that hate us, bless them that curse us, and pray for and do good to them that despitefully use us and persecute us. If we forgive not men their trespasses, we cannot expect thee to forgive us our trespasses. May all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from us, with all malice; and make us kind one to another, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, even as we trust God for Christ's sake will forgive us.

And since, O our God, we are ever in danger of being enticed and drawn away by our own hearts' lusts, we earnestly pray thee, not to lead us into temptation: but *to save us from* the sins that most *easily beset us: to* deliver us from eve

evil; and preserve us even to the end. Let us hide thy word in our hearts, that we may be kept from the paths of the destroyer. O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead us: let them bring us to thy holy hill, and to thy habitation.

Heavenly Father, we humbly beseech thee in behalf of ourselves and all mankind, to set up thy kingdom in our hearts and throughout the whole earth; that we may hallow thy name, and do thy will as it is done in heaven: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Friday Morning.

THE NEW MAN.

"Putting on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Eph. iv. 24.

The loss of God's image upon the soul, was both the sinfulness and misery of man's fallen state: and that resemblance which it bears to God, is the beauty, the glory, and happiness of the new creation. Created anew by his own Spirit, in right-

ness and true holiness, it bears the
ge of that Saviour in whom it is cre-
anew, *Christ Jesus*. To put on the Lord
is, comprehends the whole of the Chris-
's duty, all his duties towards God and
. Sin is not the Christian's element;
delight is in the law of the Lord: he
s it even where it most crosses the
ains of corruption that are in him:
ends the strength of his soul to please
, and to live unto righteousness. It
ot merely the study of his leisure
rs: no; it is his main business, his all.
new life, like the natural one, is
ed in the heart; and from thence dif-
s itself through the whole man. He
s righteousness, and receiveth the
h in the love of it. The unrenewed
may do many things that appear
teous: but he lives not to righteous-
; because his heart is not possessed
ruled with the love of it. The new
not only forsakes sin, but he hates it.
hate vain thoughts." And not only
e sins, but all: "I hate every false
". While he dies to sin, sin dies in
the mind dies to the study of sin;
hand dies to the acting of it; the ear
ng hearing of things profane and sinful;
tongue to speaking evil; and the lips

to speaking guile. This new creation adorns the soul with a sweet variety of gracious and heavenly dispositions. It is in their hearts a living source of love, joy, and peace; of long-suffering and gentleness, of goodness and faith, of meekness and temperance, and of all divine virtues; which, for this very reason, are in Holy Scripture stiled, the "Fruits of the Spirit." 'Tis he that breathes into their souls those amiable and heavenly dispositions, whereby alone they can on good ground be denominated meek, and humble, and patient; chaste and charitable, and ready to forgive; these make the noblest endowments of the inward man. These are the real beauties of the soul, that truly perfect it, and render it lovely and precious in the sight of God. But it is very certain that those holy dispositions which adorn the inward man, will also beautify the life; and render the conversation such as becomes the gospel, like the shining light, shining more and more unto the perfect day.

HYMN

For Friday Morning.

Attend, while God's exalted Son,
  Does his own glories show;
Behold, I sit upon my throne,
  Creating all things new.

I'll be a sun of righteousness
  To the new world I make:
None but the new-born heirs of grace
  My glories shall partake.

Mighty Redeemer, set me free
  From my old state of sin;
O make my soul alive to thee;
  Create new pow'rs within.

Renew mine eyes, and form mine ears,
  And mould my heart afresh;
Give me new passions, joys, and fears;
  And turn the stone to flesh.

Far from the regions of the dead,
  From sin, and earth, and hell,
In the new world that grace has made,
  I would for ever dwell.

PRAYER

For Friday Morning.

O Lord, thou hast revealed thyself to u
the Lord God, merciful and gracio

abundant in loving-kindness, goodness
truth; keeping mercy for thousands,
giving iniquity, transgression, and si
the height, and depth, and breadth o
love of God in sending Christ into
world to be a Saviour. All we like
have gone astray, we have turned
one to his own way; but thou hast la
him the iniquities of us all. He poure
his soul unto death, and made interce
for the transgressors. O receive us t
gressors into thy favour. Our sins
abounded, let thy grace much more ab
We have fallen by our iniquity; b
would turn unto thee saying "take
from us all iniquity: receive us gracio
and love us freely." O that thou wou
become a God in covenant with us,
reconciled father to us. We wou
earnest with thee for that new heart
thou hast most graciously promise
mould us into a conformity to thy
and make us the sons and daughters
Lord Almighty. Cause the love of
to constrain us to live, not to ours
but to him who died for us and rose
Thus may we find his yoke easy, an
burden light: thus may we serve the
in the spirit of bondage as slaves,
the spirit of adoption, as dear c

Then shall we run in the way of thy commandments when thou hast enlarged our hearts.

O Lord, so renew our nature, that we may hate sin and delight in holiness; that thy commandments may be the rejoicing of our hearts, and thy word sweet unto our taste. Let thy statutes be our song in the house of our pilgrimage, and thy testimonies may we choose as our heritage for ever. Set up thy throne in our hearts; write thy law, and plant thy fear there; and fill us with all the graces of thy Spirit, that we may abound in the fruits of righteousness to the glory and praise of God.

O turn away our eyes from beholding vanity; let not vain thoughts lodge within us: but let us be serious and sober minded. Let the love of the world be rooted out of us, and let the love of God in Christ be rooted in us. Mortify our pride, and clothe us with humility, that when we have done all, we may account ourselves unprofitable servants. Make us meek and patient, serious and sober-minded. Give us grace to keep under our body, and bring it into subjection. Mortify in us all envy, hatred, malice, and uncharitableness and help us to love all men, especially o

fellow christians, with a pure heart, fervently. And while we are here, make us, O Lord, wiser and better every day; more holy, heavenly, and spiritual; that so our last days may be our best days, our last works our best works, and our last comforts our sweetest comforts. And having put on the Lord Jesus here, may we at last be placed among those whom he has redeemed by his blood, and sanctified by his Spirit. Now to him who loved us and gave himself for us; to him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

For Friday Evening.

Is this the kind return,
And these the thanks we owe?
Thus to forget eternal love,
Whence all our blessings flow?

To what a stubborn frame
Has sin reduc'd our mind;
What wretched rebels, Lord, are we;
And thou, how wondrous kind!

On us he bids the sun
Shed his reviving rays;
For us the skies their circles run,
To lengthen out our days.

The brutes obey their God,
  And bow their necks to men;
But we, more stubborn far than they,
  Refuse his easy reign.

Turn, turn us, mighty God,
  And mould our souls afresh;
Break, Sov'reign Grace, these hearts of stone,
  And give us hearts of flesh.

Let past ingratitude
  Bedew our weeping eyes;
And hourly as new mercies fall,
  Let hourly thanks arise.

PRAYER

For Friday Evening.

O thou Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, we beseech thee to accept our thanksgivings for the blessings of this day. Blessed be thy name for that light which no darkness overspreads, that sun which never sets: Jesus is our resurrection and our life. Grant that in him our souls may rise to newness of life, and that we may be planted in the likeness of his resurrection. Glory be to thy name, O Lord, that there is no *condemnation* to them who are in Christ *Jesus.* *O, for* thy mercy's sake, bring ou

souls into this happy state; and give us a longing desire to enjoy the felicity of thy chosen. May this salvation be experienced by every soul before thee. May we all find it a present salvation, delivering us from every false hope; from the love of sin, the love of the world, and the lusts of the flesh. Teach us to pass through this present evil world as strangers and pilgrims, who have no continuing city here, and are seeking one to come.

Thou hast taught us by thy word, that if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his. O Father of mercies hear our unworthy petitions, and bestow upon us this invaluable gift; that we may walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit; and that our conversation may be such as becometh the Gospel. Enable us to mortify the deeds of the body, to subdue the unholy desires of our corrupt nature, and to discharge every duty incumbent upon us in accordance with thy holy word. Give us grace to lay aside every weight, and the sin which more easily besets us: and let us run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Gracious Lord, be thou our strength; and enable us to contend faithfully with the world, the flesh,

and the devil. Teach us our own depravity, and the exceeding sinfulness of sin; teach us the deceitfulness of our hearts; that so we may be truly humbled before thee, and stirred up to greater earnestness in the work of our salvation. May the cry of our souls ever be, "Lord, save us, or we perish!" Arm us this day with the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit; and let us ever hold fast the blessed hope of eternal life.

O thou compassionate High Priest, by whom a new and living way has been consecrated for us, through the veil of thy own flesh, enable us to draw near humbly trusting in thee.

Where, O Lord, thou hast begun the good work of grace in any of our souls, we beseech thee to carry it on until the day of Christ, and to perfect it to thy praise and glory. Work in us both to will and to do of thy good pleasure. Let us not like many be saying, "Who will shew us any good:" but may our prayer ever be, "Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us."

Preserve, we beseech thee, the light of *the glorious Gospel* in our own land. Bless *all thy ministers* who faithfully preach

truth as it is in Jesus: add to their number; and increase their usefulness in the awakening of the dead in sin, and in comforting and edifying thy people in their most holy faith.

Accept our imperfect praises for the blessings of this day. O keep us in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, now and for ever. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Saturday Morning.

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." 1 Peter i. 23.

This is the great dignity of believers, that they are the sons of God; and this the great evidence of the love of God, that he hath bestowed this dignity on them. The gracious purpose of God to impart his goodness appears in this; that he hath

formed for himself so many sons, not from amongst angels only, but also from amongst men; made it is true a little lower than they are, but yet dignified with this appellation. He had not merely the impression of God's footsteps, which all the creatures have, but his image. And, most of all, in this is the rich grace of God magnified; that, when sin had defaced that image, degraded man from his honour, divested him of that title of sonship, and stamped our polluted nature with the marks of bondage, yea, with the very image of satan; that, out of mankind thus ruined and degenerated, God should raise to himself a new race of sons. For this design was the "Word made flesh." John i. 12. The Son of God was made man, that he might make men the sons of God; it is by him alone we are restored to this privilege. And, that we may know, that this divine adoption is not a mere outward name, the sonship of the saints is denominated in Scripture a new generation, a new birth. They are "begotten of God," 1 John xi.29. A new being, a spiritual life is communicated to them. They are not only accounted of the family of God by adoption; but *by this* new birth they are indeed *his children*, and partakers of the divin

nature. Hence we learn that true conversion is not so slight a work as it is commonly accounted. It is not merely the reformation of some bad habits; it is a new creation. Though it be but a change of qualities; yet it is such an one, as bears the name of a most essential and substantial change. From "children of disobedience," and that which is linked with it, "children of wrath," to be "sons of God and heirs of glory." They have a new spirit given them; a free, princely, noble spirit; and this spirit influences their life and actions. Consider this dignity; and be kindled with an ambition worthy of it. How doth a christian pity that poor vanity, that men make so much account of, their kindred and extraction! To be of the highest blood royal, sons of the King of kings, and in the nearest relation to him, is, indeed, worth glorying in. This adds matchless honour to that birth which is so honourable in the esteem of the world. But we all suppose ourselves to be of this number; whilst it is too evident that in many this is a false confidence. There is no appearance of the Spirit of God; not a trace of his footsteps. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Rom. viii. 14. "If ye know that

he is righteous," says St. John, "ye know that every one that doth righteousness is born of him." And how contrary to the most holy God, the lover and fountain of holiness, are they that delight in the debasing pleasures of sin! Do children love to dishonour their father's name? No! earthly mindedness is a countersign. Shall the king's children, "they that were brought up in scarlet," as Jeremiah laments, "embrace the dunghill?" Lam iv.5. Princes, by their high birth and education, have usually their hearts filled with far higher thoughts than mean persons; they think either of conquest or of governing kingdoms. Are you not born to a better inheritance, if indeed born again? Why do you then debase yourselves? Why are you not more in prayer? There are no umb children among those that are born f God; they have all that spirit of prayer, v which they not only speak, but cry bba Father.

HYMN

For Saturday Morning.

Now let our souls on wings sublime
Rise from the vanities of time;
Draw back the parting veil, and see
The glories of eternity.

Born by a new celestial birth,
Why should we grovel here on earth?
Why grasp at transitory toys,
So near to heaven's eternal joys?

Shall aught beguile us on the road,
When we are walking back to God!
For strangers into life we come,
And dying is but going home.

To dwell with God, and feel his love,
Imparts the bliss enjoy'd above;
How sweet the expectation now,
The early dawn of heaven below.

PRAYER

For Saturday Morning.

O Lord our God, unto whom all he
are open; who knowest our downsitt
and our uprising, and understandest
thoughts afar off; how much must
pure and holy eyes see in us which t
canst not approve! We must confess t
we have not entertained those thoug
nor cherished that regard so justly due
Thee, the author of our being and
father of our mercies; and though we r
have been restrained by thy graci
influences from taking part with the bo

orkers of iniquity; yet how much have
e lived without God in the world! how
ıve we resisted thy authority! abused thy
›odness; neglected thine ordinances;
ıd slighted the Gospel of thy dear Son!
› little have we been restrained by thy
ar, and actuated by thy love; so little
ıve we lived to thy glory, that, alas!
ost righteously might we have been dealt
ıth as ungodly; and driven away as chaff
fore the wind. And even now, if brought
to judgment, how could we stand in
e congregation of the righteous, and
pear among the sons of God!

But, O Lord, there is forgiveness with
ee, that thou mayest be feared; and
th thee is plenteous redemption. Be
eased to have mercy upon us, for the
ke of Him who came that he might turn
ray ungodliness from Jacob; and who
re our sins in his own body on the tree.
Pour down upon us, we pray thee,
e influences of thy regenerating and
nctifying grace; adopt us into thy fami-
, put us among thy children, and make
the sons and daughters of the Lord
mighty. Bestow upon us thy wondrous
re; give us a new heart and a right
irit; henceforward may thy law be our
ight; may we meditate on it continu-

ally; and may we become like trees planted by the rivers of waters, bringing forth fruit in their season.

Grant, O God, that this day we may experience the blessedness of those who walk not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful. May our ways be directed to keep thy statutes. And O Lord, do thou so controul our plans and purposes, and so regulate and bless all our undertakings, that a happy and holy prosperity may attend our steps. May we not be tempted to do or say any thing that shall have an unhallowed influence on our characters, our hope, or our profession. O grant, that, as obedient children, we may not fashion ourselves according to the former lusts in our ignorance; but as He who hath called us is holy, so may we be holy in all manner of conversation.

Most gracious God, let thy heavenly blessing rest on all around us, that none of those we love, and with whom we dwell, may be left to live and die, and at last to perish, as children of the wicked one. O thou God of peace, who didst bring again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the

ood of the everlasting covenant, make us erfect in every good work, to do thy ill; working in us that which is well-easing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ ur Lord. To whom with thyself, O ather, and the blessed Spirit, be all onour and glory now and for ever. Amen.

HYMN

For Saturday Evening.

Safely through another week
God has brought us on our way;
Let us now a blessing seek
On th' approaching sabbath day:
Day of all the week the best;
Emblem of eternal rest!

Mercies multiply'd each hour
Through the week our praise demand:
Guarded by Almighty pow'r,
Fed and guided by his hand:
Tho' ungrateful we have been,
Only made returns of sin.

While we pray for pard'ning grace
Through our great Redeemer's name,
Shew thy reconciled face,
Shine away our sin and shame:
From our worldly care set free,
May we rest this night with thee.

When the morn shall bid us rise,
May we feel thy presence near:
May thy glory meet our eyes,
When we in thy house appear:
There afford us, Lord, a taste
Of our everlasting feast.

May thy gospel's joyful sound
Conquer sinners, comfort saints:
Make the fruits of grace abound;
Bring relief for all complaints.
Thus may all our sabbaths prove
Till we join the church above!

PRAYER

For Saturday Evening.

O Lord our God, who art over all blessed for ever; and needest not the services of men or angels to make the least addition to thy glory: we bless thee, that thou hast been pleased in love to our souls, to appoint, that we should wait upon thee in the duties of thy worship, and engage in that immediate service, which is the blissful employment of all the hosts of heaven.

But though thou, O Lord, canst not *need* us, nor any thing of ours: we stand in *continual* need of thee; of thy compassion *and forgiveness*, thy grace and guidance,

blessing and assistance. Without these
nust be for ever wretched, without hope
:scaping the misery due to our sins,
.ttaining that glory, which is the free
of God in Christ Jesus.

'o thee, therefore, O Almighty God, do
lift up our eyes. All our expectation
'rom thee: still would we call, and
t, and depend upon thee, till thou have
·cy upon us. O blot out our trans-
ssions as a cloud; and justify us freely
thy grace, through the redemption
t is in Christ Jesus. Bless us, O God of
salvation, in turning every one of us
n our iniquities, and in giving us grace
ive according to thy holy word.

'o this end, we beseech thee, O Lord, to
ghten our dark minds with the beams
hy saving truth. Reform our rebellious
is, and incline them to a cheerful com-
ınce with the motions of thy good Spirit.
gulate our unruly passions; purify all
affections; convert every faculty of
souls, and make us fit temples for the
ly Ghost.

Ve desire most thankfully to acknow-
ge thine undeserved goodness in bring-
us safely to the close of another week,
in the mercies thou hast bestowed
r us during the course of it. O kee

us ever mindful of the shortness of time, and the uncertainty of our continuance in this world. Make us more deeply concerned for our everlasting welfare; and more careful to improve every present good for our souls' eternal advantage. Let the work of thy grace be daily advancing in our hearts, that we may grow in grace as we grow in years, and be continually ripening for the full enjoyment of thy glory.

We pray thee, O Lord, to continue to us thy favour and thy fatherly care over us this night. And as we go to rest after the labours of the day, so help us daily to do thy work, that, at the close of life, we may enter that rest which remaineth for thy people. Fit us, we beseech thee, for thy service on the approaching sabbath: and enable us diligently to improve every means of grace it may afford, in humble dependance on thy blessing. May Christ be preached to our ears by thy ministers, and to our hearts by thy blessed Spirit, to the destruction of our sins, and the sanctification and salvation of our souls. O prepare thy ministers for their solemn work. May they come forth in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of peace: and while they preach Christ and his

.vation to others, may they feel his love
their own souls. May thy word drop
the rain, and distil as the dew upon
y people. May dead sinners feel its
ickening power, and thy saints its ever-
sting consolations. May weak hearts
strengthened. To those who mourn
Zion, appoint, O Lord, beauty for ashes,
e oil of joy for mourning, and the
rment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.
Bless and keep all who are near and
ar to us; may they know the love of
rist which passeth knowledge, and his
ace which passeth all understanding.
ay our enemies be blessed of thee. These
pplications for ourselves and others, we
seech thee, O Almighty God, to hear
d answer, for the sake of our Lord
sus Christ. Amen.

SIXTH WEEK.

MEDITATION

For the Lord's Day Morning.

THE FERVENT PRAYER.

"And there is none that calleth name, that stirreth up himself to tak thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us consumed us, because of our iniquities lxiv. 7.

Those that would take hold of prayer so as to prevail with hi stir up themselves to do it: all within us must be employed in tl our thoughts fixed, and our a ardent.

To pray is to take hold of God b to take hold of the promises and clarations God has made of his g to us, and to plead them with him: hold of him, as of one who is a depart from us, earnestly begging *not to leave* us; or of one that is d *soliciting* his return; to take ho

as he that wrestles takes hold of him he wrestles with; for the seed of Jacob so wrestle with him as to prevail. All that is within us must be engaged and summoned into the service. We must stir up the gift that is in us, by a consideration of the work that is before us, and a close application of mind to it. But how can we expect God should come to us in the ways of mercy, when we neglect to do this; when those that profess to be intercessors are mere triflers? No wonder, if our profession of religion wither and we grow dry and sapless; no wonder if God turn away his face from us; no wonder if he put us in the furnace of trial; not indeed to consume us as dross, but to melt us as gold; to refine and new mould us.

When he saith to us, "Return ye backliding children," should we not readily reply, "Behold we come unto thee, for thou art the Lord our God?" If he speak to us by way of conviction and reproof, ought we not to answer, "Father, we have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and are no more worthy to be called thy children?" If he speak to us by way of comfort, ought we not to reply in praises? If we love God, we be at a loss for something to say to him. *Something* for our hearts to pour

out before him, whose grace has already imparted it? We may rest assured, and should pray in this assurance, that wherever God finds a praying heart he will be found a prayer-hearing God.

O our God, estrange us from every thing that will not let us love thee with all our heart, and soul, and strength. O that we were more sensibly affected with the knowledge and love of thy perfections: that, at least, thy sparing and forbearing mercy might fill, and everlastingly possess our hearts with admiration; that so we may, with the greatest sorrow and grief, bewail our offences against such tender compassion towards us! O let the love of Christ constrain us; may we look unto Jesus, till we feel that we do indeed love him; that he is all our salvation, and all our desire.

HYMN

For the Lord's Day Morning.

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Utter'd, or unexpress'd;
The motion of a hidden fire,
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear:
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
  That infant lips can try;
Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach
  The Majesty on high.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
  The Christian's native air;
His watch-word at the gates of death:
  He enters heaven with prayer.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
  Returning from his ways;
While angels in their songs rejoice,
  And cry, "Behold he prays."

In prayer on earth the saints are one,
  In word, and deed, and mind:
When with the Father and his Son
  Sweet fellowship they find.

Nor prayer is made on earth alone;
  The Holy Spirit pleads;
And Jesus, on the eternal throne,
  For sinners intercedes.

O Thou by whom we come to God,
  The Life, the Truth, the Way!
The path of prayer thyself hast trod;
  Lord, teach us how to pray!

PRAYER

For the Lord's Day Morning.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! thou art glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders. What wonders of goodness and mercy hast thou done for us unworthy and sinful creatures from our earliest existence up to the present hour! Though we have misimproved so many precious seasons of grace; yet hast thou most mercifully brought us to behold another of the days of the Son of man. O may the day star from on high visit our souls, and the sun of righteousness arise upon us with healing in his wings. Help us on this day, the Lord's day, the type of that glorious rest which remaineth for the people of God, to rejoice and be exceeding glad. Help us so to remember the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, that our hearts may ascend to the throne of his glory. O Lord, make this day a sabbath to our souls; a day of spiritual improvement, of heavenly consolation, and near communion with thee. Banish from our minds every vain and worldly thought; and may we begin and spend it

to thy honour and our own salvation. Blessed be thy name, O heavenly Father, who hast pitied a sinful world, and given thy dear Son to die, that we might live; and to rise again, that we might be justified. Blessed be our adorable Redeemer, who took our flesh and blood, and by his sufferings and death reconciled us sinful creatures to thine offended Majesty. Adored be thy divine mercy, which sent thy glorious Gospel to this our land, and has put into our hands the sacred volume, in which we read the covenant of grace, and learn the way to everlasting life.

Help us this day to hear thy word, and attend the ordinances of thy house with pleasure and profit. O Holy Spirit, assist and bless all thy ministering servants: make them faithful to thee, faithful to the truth, and faithful to the souls entrusted to their charge. May they be mighty through thee to convince the unconvinced, to convert the unconverted, to heal them that are of a contrite heart, and to build up believers in their most holy faith. Especially bless thy truth to our own souls. O that our consciences may this day be awakened, our understanding enlightened, our wills *bowed to* the obedience of faith: *our affections* fixed on heavenly things

and our hearts enriched with divine graces and consolations! Make us fervent in prayer, and joyful in praise. Deliver us from a wandering eye and heart. Let not vain thoughts lodge within us, or interrupt our humble converse with thee. Let us love the habitation of thy house, and the place where thy honour dwelleth. And at the close of public worship, may we find our hearts the fitter for devout retirement. We pray thee, O Lord, in behalf of those who shall be unwillingly detained from thy house; comfort them in secret; sanctify their absence; and as they are excluded from the stream, give them to drink the deeper at the fountain head.

Graciously accept this our morning tribute of praise and thanksgiving for Jesus Christ's sake. In the evening let our own experience joyfully testify that a day spent in nearness to God, is better than a thousand spent in earthly pleasures. And while we are favoured with such means of grace, and foretastes of glory, may we look and long more ardently for the better work and worship of an infinitely better sabbath at thy right-hand. Hear, O Lord, in heaven, thy dwelling place; and when *thou hearest*, forgive: and do for us, and *for all whom* we would bear on our hearts

:fore thee, according to the riches of thy
·ace in the great Redeemer: to whom,
ith Thyself, and the Holy Spirit, be end-
ss praises. Amen.

HYMN

For the Lord's Day Evening.

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
There they behold thy mercy-seat:
Where'er they seek thee, thou art found;
And ev'ry place is hallow'd ground.

For thou, within no walls confin'd,
Inhabitest the humble mind:
Such ever bring thee where they come;
And, going, take thee to their home.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
Thy former mercies here renew;
Here to our waiting souls proclaim
The sweetness of thy saving name.

Here may we prove the pow'r of prayer
To strengthen faith, and sweeten care:
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
Nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
Oh! rend the heavens, come quickly down,
And make each wavering heart thine own.

PRAYER

For the Lord's Day Evening.

Blessed and glorious Majesty, we desire humbly to adore thee, as the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and through him as our reconciled God and Father. We have none in heaven but thee, and there is nothing upon earth we would desire beside thee. Thy favour is life, and thy loving-kindness is better than life. Thou hast given us all things richly to enjoy, pertaining both to life and godliness. Every day hast thou loaded us with thy benefits. On this thy holy day thou hast taught us the knowledge of thyself, and of thy dear Son, whom to know is life eternal. Thou hast set before us life and death, blessing and cursing, good and evil, that we might flee from the wrath to come, and secure the blessings of thy people. Thou hast shewed us the evil of sin, the danger of an unconverted state, and the riches of pardoning grace and love. Thou hast invited us by thy precious promises, and hast opened to our view the glories of thy heavenly king-

Holiness has in some degree appeared

ı us in its beauty, sin in its deformity, hrist in his all-sufficiency to save, and ıy Holy Spirit in his gracious influences ı renew our natures, and fit us for a per-ct sabbath at thy right-hand.

Adored be thine infinite mercy, if any ' us have experienced thy recovering ·ace! If thou hast plucked us as brands ıt of the burning: if thy pardoning love ıth delivered us from guilt and condemna-on, let our souls here find a refuge from .ine eternal wrath. [*To us thy pro-ises are all yea and amen in Christ Jesus. ıtan, the world, and death are overcome r us. O death! where is thy sting? *grave! where is thy victory?* Because hrist lives, we shall live also. Because ır head is glorified, we shall be glorified ith him. Once we were dead in sin, but e now quickened to spiritual life. Long ere we in ignorance and unbelief, but are ıw light in the Lord. Too long were we rnal, sold under sin, but the Holy Spirit ıth renewed us, in the law of our mind. lessed be the God and Father of our ɔrd Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us th all spiritual blessings in heavenly ings in Christ. O that every soul of us,

* *This parenthesis* may be omitted where the mind of *reader cannot rise so* high.

not one excepted, may bear for itself a joyful part in these thanksgivings and praises! And why, Lord, are we regenerated and sanctified, but to love, and praise, and serve thee?] We beseech thee, perfect these weak and languid graces. Make us more holy, and heavenly, and bring us nearer to thyself in faith and love, that we may rise higher in thy praises.

Lord, pardon the sins of our holy things. Give us grace to live a life of communion with thee, both in the diligent use of thine ordinances, and a watchful observance of thy providences, trusting in thee at all times, pouring out our hearts before thee, and rejoicing in thy love and favour. What we know not, do thou teach us, and wherein we have done iniquity, help us to do so no more. Fix our affections on things above, and let time, and the things of time, be as nothing to us compared with eternal glory. Fit us for every thing between this and the grave; every service or suffering, every temptation and conflict. In all conditions and relations may we glorify thee, maintain a good conscience, and welcome thy whole will with a lively hope, and holy joy, in thy salvation by Jesus *Christ.* When we come to die, may we have clear evidences for heaven, finish

ourse with joy, and an entrance be tered unto us abundantly into the asting kingdom of our Lord and ›ur, and graciously afford us every nal and family blessing. Take us r thy protection this night: be with all our ways through the following . Help us to carry with us into every duty, and occurrence, the temper and nents of thy day. May we by this ıth be brought nearer to, and made for, a glorious eternal sabbath. Having lly remembered our Lord's resurrec- may we more ardently look for and n to his last coming, and our appear- with him in glory. In him may we ›und and accepted, both living and ; and to him with thyself, O Father, the Spirit of grace and consolation l honour and glory. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Monday Morning.

he threshing shall reach to the vintage: and ntage to the seed time! the ploughman shall ıke the reaper: and the treader of grapes hat soweth seed." Amos ix. 13.

ıties are the harvests and vintages of ›uls. O what blessed lives should we did we so improve and husband wha

we gain in one duty, that it might last us to another! that the life, and warmth, and refreshment of the last might be retained till the next; and that thus we might be carried on in a holy, lively, and heavenly frame, from duty to duty; as Israel walked on from strength to strength, till they came and appeared before God in Sion.

That which keeps us so low and barren in religion is, that whatever we have obtained of the Lord in duties or ordinances, we presently lose it. When we have been sometimes weeping before the Lord, and wrestling with him, and pleading hard for some quickening or comforting influences of his Spirit upon our hearts; and the Lord has heard us and given us our desires: yet then, as soon as duty is over we go away, forget all, and bury all that we have thus obtained in a confused heap of worldly thoughts and business. We unbend, and let down our spirits, and lay aside all thoughts of God, till we come to duty again. We content ourselves to live in such an estrangement from God all the rest of our time, that sin and the world have a whole day's time to pull down what [illegible] duty has been building; a whole [illegible]e to destroy and steal away [illegible]th hath gotten in; and at the

returns of duty we find our hearts at the same loss, in the same deadness and hardness that they were before. In the Old Testament, though the sacrifices were offered but morning and evening, yet the fire that kindled them was not to go out night nor day: there must be fire kept alive from the morning sacrifice, to kindle the evening sacrifice; and fire left from the evening to kindle the morning sacrifice. O! behold, how often it is, that though at our morning sacrifice a fire is kindled; yet we let this fire lie all day under the ashes, and take so little care to keep it alive, that it is quite out before the evening; and when we come to offer our evening sacrifice, we have no fire to kindle it.

Brethren, hath the Lord visited you, and quickened you in duty? Oh! think with yourselves, what a sweet life should I live, might it be thus with me always! what pity it is that such light should ever go out: that such grace should be so short lived! If I do not look to myself better, this sunshine will last but a little while; and how will the Lord take it, if I suffer the sparks which he hath kindled, so suddenly to be quenched? How is my soul like to prosper if, for an hour, I am in t

mount with God, raised up to heaven for the time; and then within a few hours after, sunk into the mire of the earth? What a sad change is this! When will your souls come to any thing if you have only some few such lucid intervals, and all the rest of your time covered over with clouds and darkness? Beloved, if ever you expect to prosper in grace, or be settled in peace, be careful of maintaining your praying comforts. Do not think to make use of them to save you the labour of after care; but to help you to be more careful and fruitful. Let your eye be much upon your hearts: observe diligently how they hold up or sink, that so, if there be the least damp or decay growing upon you, you may observe it before it is gone too far. It is no wonder that we lose all upon such a sudden, if, as soon as our duties are over we go away, and think no more where we have been, or what we have been about; as if we were well content to take our leave of our duties and our God together! When you come from your closets still watch your hearts; see to it, that the temptations [illegible] with do not so easily divert your [illegible]rom what you have been begging [illegible]g for on your knees. Often lift [illegible]arts to the Lord in short ejacu-

ons. No business, no company can
ler this duty: and this will be a special
antage to you; therefore neglect it not.
ry sigh or breathing of your soul hea-
wards will fetch down fresh influences
n heaven upon you!

et us make present use of what we have
ained. God gives grace, and strength,
life, for use; and use will preserve it.
h the Lord warmed thy heart? Go
m thy brother's heart, and that will
p thine own from cooling. Hath God
ken comfortably to thy soul? go and
ak of thy God, and what he hath done
thee to others. Hath God inclined and
reby fitted thee for action? take the sea-
for doing good in which thou canst
; shew thy love to that Saviour who
ed us and gave himself for us.

HYMN

For Monday Morning.

Our God is love; and all his saints
His image bear below:
The heart with love to God inspir'd
With love to man will glow.

O may we love each other, Lord,
As we are lov'd of thee:
For none are truly born of God
Who live in enmity.

Heirs of the same immortal bliss,
Our hopes and fears the same;
The cords of love our hearts should bi
The law of love inflame.

So shall the vain contentious world
Our peaceful lives approve;
And wond'ring say, as they of old,
"See how these christians love!"

PRAYER

For Monday Morning.

A FAMILY THANKSGIVING.

Bless the Lord, O our souls! O L
our God, thou art very great, and cloth
with honour and majesty! Thou cover
thyself with light as with a garmer
Thou stretchest out the heavens like
curtain! Thou hast laid the foundatic
of the earth, that they should not
moved. The world is thine, O Lo
and the fulness thereof! Thou h
founded it on the seas, and established
on the floods! And all that dwell, r
only on this earth, but in all places of t
boundless dominion, are thine; the cre
tures of thy power, the children of t
providence, and the subjects of thy

vernment! We, who are but a small part of thy family on earth, are met together with the return of another day, to adore and magnify, to bless and praise thy holy name: for that thy name is near, thy wondrous works of goodness and never-failing mercy declare. We have lain us down and slept, and are again awaked the living to praise thee; because thou, O Lord, hast sustained us. Our voice shalt thou hear in the morning: "In the morning will we direct our prayer to thee and look up." Thine we are, and thee would we serve. We will praise thee, O Lord, as long as we have any being! We commit ourselves and all belonging to us to thy special care, protection, and guidance through this day. We are entering on a *day of business;* be with us, O Lord, we beseech thee, in all our honest and lawful undertakings. Enable us to be diligent, upright, and faithful in our several employments and stations! Let not our hearts envy sinners, but may we be in the fear of the Lord all the day long. And do thou, who art wonderful in counsel and excellent in working, give us that wisdom which is profitable to direct us in our affairs, and *crown all with thy* blessing.

We are entering on another day of con

mon service and usefulness in life: O teach us to employ our talents and capacities more and more for thy honour, and to the benefit of mankind. May we more habitually glorify thee in our bodies and spirits, which are thine.

We are entering on a *day of trial:* help us, Lord, we beseech thee, to acquit ourselves well through the whole of it; that our hearts may not justly reproach or condemn us for any allowed sin.

We are entering on a *day of care,* and quite ignorant about the events of it: but known unto God are all its events: they are under thy direction, and subject to thy controul. Help us that we may be over careful for nothing. If it please thee may we pass this day in a comfortable manner. But, whatever may be thy will, may we in patience and thankfulness possess our souls; and may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

We are entering on another *day that brings us so much nearer to our last day,* and to an awful unchangeable eternity! Lord, so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. May we *be found* discharging the duties of every day *in its season,* and thus wait all the days

our appointed time till our change comes. nd now, O Lord, hear, accept, and bless ; and do for us above all we can ask or ink, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

HYMN

For Monday Evening.

Come magnify the Lord with me,
  Come, let us all exalt his name:
I sought the eternal God, and he
  Has not expos'd my hope to shame.

I told him all my secret grief,
  My secret groanings reach'd his ears;
He gave my inward pains relief,
  And calm'd the tumult of my fears.

To him the poor lift up their eyes;
  On them his love delights to shine:
A beam of mercy from the skies
  Fills them with light and joy divine.

His holy angels pitch their tents
  Around the men that serve the Lord;
O fear and love him, all his saints;
  Taste of his grace, and trust his word.

Lord, we will bless thee all our days,
  Thy praise shall dwell upon our tongue;
Our souls shall glory in thy grace,
  While saints rejoice to hear our song.

PRAYER

For Monday Evening.

O most holy Lord God Almighty, who is a God like unto thee! Thou art infinitely blessed in thyself, and the gracious author of all our blessings. Thou art the only sovereign Lord, who canst do what thou pleasest in heaven and earth. Thou alone hast everlasting life in thyself, and thou only canst bestow it upon others.

O our God, we are ashamed, and blush to lift our faces before thee; for our iniquities are increased over our heads, and our trespasses are grown up even unto the heavens. If we should attempt to justify ourselves, our own mouths would condemn us. We have walked after vanity and become vain: we have forsaken our own mercies. Our hearts are bent to backslide from thee the living God; they are deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.

Lord, we come to thee, as the poor publican, praying, "God be merciful unto me a sinner." Sprinkle our consciences with the blood of Jesus, and we shall be clean; wash us in that crimson fountain,

and we shall be whiter than snow. May we be justified freely through faith in Christ Jesus. Let us have access unto that grace wherein thy believing people stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Let thy Spirit witness with our spirits, that we are children of God, and joint heirs with Christ.

Lord give us a wise and understanding heart: that which we know not teach thou us. O Holy Spirit guide us into all truth, and make us to understand wherein we have erred. Make thy way plain before our face. Lord give us to believe, and make us strong in faith, giving glory to God. Let our hearts be purified by faith; and by faith enable us to overcome the world, to resist the devil, and to live continually upon Jesus, drawing out of his fulness grace for grace. Unite our hearts to fear thy name, that we may never depart from thee. Give us grace to love thee supremely, to delight ourselves always in thee, and thus experience the fulfilment of the desires of our souls.

May the very God of peace sanctify us wholly, and may our whole spirit be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord *Jesus Christ*. Let goodness and *mercy follow us* all the days of our life

and when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, be thou with us, that we may fear no evil. Redeem our souls from the power of the grave, and at length receive us to thy glory, through Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour; to whom with Thee, and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, thanksgiving and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Tuesday Morning.

GOD'S LOVE TO SINFUL MAN.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John iii. 16.

God in Christ, is a God of pity and compassion to us; a God of patience, a God of mercy, with whom is plenteous redemption; a God pardoning iniquity, and passing by transgression: loving us in our low estate; pardoning and washing us; saving us from our sins and from the wrath to come. Such is the great love *that* kindles ours; abused love, *provoked love*, and yet *forgiving* love! They to

whom much is forgiven, will love much! Now, in Christ, we have not only an interest in God, but, in some degree, a *present possession*. "He that hath the Son, hath the Father also." We see his light, we behold and taste his goodness, we enjoy his presence, he dwelleth in us, and we in him; and hence we love, and herein we rejoice. No wonder, that carnal hearts are strangers to this. But, oh! what a sad wonder it is that Saints, who have so often mounted towards heaven, are yet no nearer home: that they, whose feet are so often on the mountain of the Lord, should be still so much on earth; so far from God, when God is among them. Where, Christians, are your affections? How is it they are here below? What have you here? Your city is above, your home is above, your God, your Jesus, your treasure is above. How is it that where your treasure is, your hearts are not also? that you direct to heaven your eyes, your prayers, your complaints, your promises, and still leave your hearts below? Did we love our God more, we certainly should be more with him, and to better purpose; we should not go away without his blessing nor throw it away when we had obtained it. *Without* this what is knowledge

faith, hope, and patience? Dost thou value thy soul? Is religion, is heaven, is Christ, is God himself of any account with thee? Then prize love to God: without which he is no God to thee; Christ is no Christ to thee; heaven is no heaven for thee; better thou hadst no being than be destitute of this. O prize the love of God; prize and seek, prize and pray: pray as for thy soul, as for thy everlasting kingdom! Love and thou wilt be holy, humble, and fruitful; love and thou wilt please, praise, and enjoy thy God. How little affectionate warmth is there in our spirits! Do we feel our hearts tending upwards, ascending in our own flames? We *wish* well to his name and interest, we wish he were ours; we wish ourselves his. Oh! if wishing were loving, what Christians should we be! But doth the kingdom of God *suffer violence?* the kingdom of heaven may *offer* violence if it will, and take us by force; but how little violence doth it *suffer*! We say we love God; we desire to be holy; but is there nothing we desire more? O how few cordial friends hath Christ in the world; and how little affection from those few! So little, that we *cannot* tell ourselves whether it be any *thing or nothing* How many marks must

·e consider ere we can prove its exist-
nce; and yet at last be still in doubt!
[ow few of us can make our appeal to
im, "Lord, thou knowest that I love
hee." O Lord, do thou kindle in our souls
his sacred fire; and then shall our mouth
e opened; then will we speak of the glo-
ious honour of thy majesty, and of thy
ondrous works. Then shall we sing of
he name which the Lord hath claimed;
The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and
racious, forgiving iniquity, transgression
nd sin, full of compassion, slow to anger,
nd of great mercy!" The Lord is good to
ll, and his tender mercies are over all his
orks. Let thy saints bless thee; let them
bundantly utter the memory of thy good-
ess, and sing of thy righteousness. O our
od, thou art all love, all goodness, all
race! let thy servants be all love, and
raise, and joy.

HYMN

For Tuesday Morning.

Come, all harmonious tongues,
Your noblest music bring:
'Tis Christ, the everlasting God;
And Christ, the Man, we sing.

Tell how he took our flesh,
To take away our guilt:
Tell of the drops of sacred blood,
That hellish monsters spilt.

Down to the shades of death
He bow'd his awful head:
Yet he arose to live and reign
When death itself is dead.

No more the bloody spear,
The cross and nails no more:
For hell itself shakes at his name,
And all the heav'ns adore.

There the Redeemer sits,
High on his Father's throne;
The Father lays his vengeance by,
And smiles upon his Son.

PRAYER

For Tuesday Morning.

FOR HOLINESS.

O most gracious Father, thou hast invited all who feel their need of thy grace to come unto thee; and hast promised that those who come thou wilt not cast out. *Thou* fillest the hungry with good things, *whilst* the rich are sent empty away. O

that we may hunger and thirst after thy pardoning and sanctifying grace; and may we desire nothing so much as to experience thy peace, thy favour, and thy love. We are brought to the beginning of this day that therein we may increase in the knowledge of thee, and give thee glory. O grant that this great end of our life may be fully answered.

Thou, O God, art a holy God: Christ our Saviour is a holy Saviour: thy Spirit is the holy Spirit: thy heaven is a holy place: thy angels are holy angels: and thy redeemed people are a holy people. O Lord make us also holy; for without holiness we cannot see thee. May our hearts be separated from sin to thee. May we not only abstain from sin, but really hate it because thou hatest it. May we hate all sin. Whatever is inconsistent with thy will, *that* may we abhor. May we make conscience of our words and thoughts as well as of our actions. May we desire not so much to appear good in the eyes of our fellow creatures, as to be so in thy sight. May we labour to approve ourselves to thee, thou heart-searching God. May thy word be the rule of our conduct; thy glory the end of our conversation; for we can not enter into heaven till we are thus made holy.

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O Lord, as we are dying sinners,
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of those who shall be monuments of thy grace for evermore.

We have nothing to plead in our own behalf but that Christ died to save sinners. We lie entirely at thy mercy, and have no hope but in the name of that gracious Lord and Saviour, whom thou hast anointed to give repentance and remission of sin; to him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

For Tuesday Evening.

Shew pity, Lord; oh Lord, forgive;
Let a repenting rebel live:
Are not thy mercies large and free?
May not a sinner trust in thee?

My crimes, though great, do not surpass
The power and glory of thy grace:
Great God, thy nature hath no bound!
So let thy pardoning love be found.

O wash my soul from every sin,
And make my guilty conscience clean;
Here on my heart the burden lies,
And past offences round me rise.

My lips with shame my sins confess
Against thy law, against thy grace:
Lord, *should thy* judgment grow severe,
am condemned, but thou art clear!

Should sudden vengeance seize my breath,
I must pronounce thee just in death:
And if my soul were sent to hell,
Thy righteous law approves it well.

Yet save a trembling sinner, Lord!
Whose hope, still hov'ring round thy word,
Would light on some sweet promise there,
Some sure support against despair.

PRAYER

For Tuesday Evening.

A PENITENTIARY PRAYER.

O Lord God, merciful and gracious, who willest not the death of a sinner, but wouldest rather that he turn and live; we feel and confess that we are sinners before thee. We were born with inclinations to that which is evil, and have too much followed those inclinations all our lives. We have lived at a distance from thee, forgetting our own souls, and that eternal world into which we must shortly enter. We have been strangers to that holy and heavenly life which can alone prepare us for eternal blessedness; and without love to that adorable Saviour who so loved us,

who wept, and bled, and died for us! With what affecting language did he plead with us! He called, but we did not answer! He assured us, "He that cometh unto me I will no wise cast out;" but we were not moved. His compassion yearned over us; but our hearts did not relent. His blessed Spirit awakened our conscience; but how soon did it fall asleep again! Lord, we are ashamed to look back upon our lives. What deep and heartfelt contrition do our sins call for! Lord, give us that godly sorrow which worketh repentance unto salvation, not to be repented of. We have taken upon ourselves the christian name, but often, alas! have we fallen to the dishonour of God, the discredit of religion, the wounding of ourselves, and the grieving of others. We confess, O Lord, that we have often neglected thy service, and slighted thy love, and that our duties have been performed in a cold, sluggish, and heartless manner. We have not improved the talents thou hast given us to thy glory, or to the edification of our fellow creatures. We have suffered the love of the world to weaken our graces, and much evil has been mixed with our good. Often while we have slept, omitting our *piritual watch*, has Satan surprised us

and temptation prevailed over our souls. We have too much conformed to the customs of a sinful world, and lived contrary to our profession, and below our hopes as members of thy spiritual church, and recipients of thy grace. What a slow progress have we made in the ways of holiness! How frequent and strong have been the workings of unbelief, pride, passion, envy, and uncharitableness! Lord, how have our sins been aggravated by the love and mercy thou hast shewn to us, and the long experience we have had of thy bounty and goodness! Though thou art our God, how often have we offended against thee! though thou art our Father, how often have we displeased thee! How have we by our sins wounded that Redeemer who died for us, and grieved that Holy Spirit who has comforted us! O for a broken heart and a contrite spirit! O for inward shame and heartfelt remorse! O that our stony hearts might be broken, and be turned into hearts of flesh! Thou hast mercifully invited those who are weary and heavy laden to come unto thee, and hast promised that thou wilt refresh them. O let us experience the refreshing influences of thy grace on our souls this evening. Remember not our offences

which are many and great, neither take thou vengeance of our sins; but spare us, good Lord, spare us whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. We ask for repentance, for mercy, for pardon and grace, only through the merits and mediation of him who loved us, and gave himself for us: in whom we hope to be found living and dying, and for ever. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Wednesday Morning.

SPIRITUAL JOY.

"And these things write we unto you that your joy may be full." 1 John i. 4.

The Gospel dispensation is not a dispensation of fear, sorrow, and dread; but one of peace and joy. Terror and astonishment may well attend mount Sinai; but exultation and joy become mount Sion, where appears the eternal Word, the eternal Life, manifested in our flesh.

The mystery of the Christian religion is directly calculated to inspire mortals with joy. It should be joy to us that the eternal Son of God should come to seek and sav

us; that he made a full atonement for our sins; that he has conquered sin, death, and hell; that he lives as our intercessor and advocate with the Father; and that he will come again to perfect and glorify his persevering believers. They, therefore, live below the use and end of the christian revelation, that are not filled with spiritual joy. Believers should rejoice in their happy relation to God, as his sons and heirs, beloved and adopted: in their happy relation to the Son of God, as his members and co-heirs with himself; in the pardon of their sins, the sanctification of their natures, the adoption of their persons, and in the prospect of grace and glory that will be revealed at the return of their Lord and Head from heaven. Were they confirmed in their holy faith, how would they rejoice! The disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost. And for this purpose the Apostles declared that which they had seen and heard, "that ye may have fellowship with us." The Apostle means not personal fellowship; but such as is consistent with personal distance from each other. It is from communion with heaven, and in blessings that come from thence and tend *thither*, that our fellowship arises. This *we declare* and testify, that you may share

with us in our privileges and happiness. Those who are made happy by gospel grace, would fain have others happy too. We see also that there is a fellowship or communion that runs through the whole church of God. There may be some personal distinctions and peculiarities; but there is a communion or common participation of privilege and dignity belonging to all saints, from the highest apostle to the lowest believer. As there is the same precious faith, there are the same precious promises dignifying and crowning that faith, and the same precious blessings and glories enriching and filling those promises. That believers may be ambitious of this communion; that they may be instigated to retain and hold fast the faith that is the means of such communion; that the Apostles also may manifest their love to the disciples in assisting them to the same communion with themselves, they open to them what it is and where it is. And truly our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. We have communion with the Father and the Son in our happy relation to them, in our receiving heavenly blessings from them, and in our spiritual *converse* with them. We have *now such* communion with God and Chris

as is a foretaste of our everlasting abode with them, and enjoyment of them in the heavenly glory. See whither the Gospel revelation tends to advance us! far above sin and earth: and to carry us to blessed communion with the Father and the Son. See for what end the eternal life was made flesh! that he might advance us to eternal life in communion with the Father and himself. Hear thy blessed Lord when he says, "Behold! I stand at the door and knock." Let not then the world be admitted, and let not our hearts go with our cares to the ends of the earth; let our spiritual desires be so strong as to drown the noise of these disturbers, and command silence to every impertinent thought.

Behold those cords of love that are let down in every ordinance! in every providence there is a cord let down to gather up hearts. Hearken to those divine calls! Come up hither, come up hither. We come; Lord, thou bidst us come; O lend us thy hand, and lift us up. Come on, christians, come let us be happy. If we love we are happy, we live. Let us then rejoice; let us live: While we linger on this earth we die. Let every duty, every exercise, every power, our bodies and our souls be living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to

m. Canst thou not love? Look till thou nst; look up to thy God, send up thy oughts thither. Let thy meditations be him: these will not be long before the rone ere they draw up thy heart. Look ı thy Saviour; behold his hands and his et. Lift up a prayer; Lord if thou lov- t me, let me love thee! I would seek l I can see and feel myself drawn by e sight. What have I here, Lord! My all with thee, my help, my hope, my trea- ıre, my life is hid with Christ in God. 'here my treasure is, there let my heart ; also. Amen.

HYMN

For Wednesday Morning.

O happy souls! O glorious state,
Of overflowing grace:
When saints approach their Father's seat,
And see his lovely face.

They find access at every hour,
To God within the vail;
Hence they derive a quick'ning pow'r,
And joys that never fail.

Lord, I address thy heavenly throne,
Call me a child of thine;
Send down the Spirit of thy Son,
To form my heart divine.

There shed thy choicest love abroad,
And make my comforts strong;
Then shall I say my Father God,
With an unwavering tongue.

PRAYER

For Wednesday Morning.

Almighty God, who art a Father to
a Redeemer to save, and a Spirit to sa
us unworthy sinners; look down in
upon us this morning, and enable
look up to thee in faith and hope. A
we pray thee, our heartfelt thanks fo
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rest of the past night. Enable us n
lift up our hearts unto thee, as a God
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sinners who come unto thee in the
of thy beloved Son. We bless thee
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demption. May we exercise faith in
as the faithful and true witness. Ma
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and saved by him in whom we hav
and free salvation. Help us to *drau*
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nunion with thee, and receive out of his
ılness grace for grace. May the great-
ess of our necessities, the strength of our
orruptions, and the subtlety of Satan's
emptations, engage our hearts to greater
atchfulness and prayer. In our daily
alk and conversation may we rejoice in
ıy promises, and have respect to all thy
ommandments. O fill us with all the
races of thy Spirit, and with peace of
onscience through thy redeeming love.
Iay we at all times feel assured that the
ord God will help us; and that, therefore,
e shall not be confounded.

We bless thee that we have a Saviour to
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ıe Father, we would not only come boldly
the throne of grace, but would sit down
nder its shadow with delight, to behold
ıe beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in
is temple. O thou God of love! shew
nto us here thy loving kindness; cause
l thy goodness to pass before us; proclaim
ıy name as the Lord God, merciful and
racious, and let the joy of the Lord be our
rength. May we delight ourselves in
ıee as the fountain of blessedness: and
faith may we rely upon thy gracious
claration, "Fear not, I am with thee

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of joy and gladness. Thus may we r
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where there is fulness of joy and plea
for evermore. We ask all for the dea
deemer's sake; to whom with Thysel
the blessed Spirit be ascribed et
praises. Amen.

HYMN

For Wednesday Evening.

Father, I long, I faint to see
The place of thine abode:
I'd leave thy earthly courts and flee
Up to thy seat, my God.

Here I behold thy distant face,
And 'tis a pleasing sight:
But to abide in thine embrace
Is infinite delight.

I'd part with all the joys of sense,
To gaze upon thy throne:
Pleasure springs fresh for ever thence,
Unspeakable, unknown.

There all the heavenly hosts are seen,
In shining ranks they move,
And drink immortal vigor in,
With wonder and with love.

There at thy feet with awful fear
Th' adoring armies fall,
With joy they shrink to nothing there
Before the eternal All.

There I would vie with all the host
In duty and in bliss:
While less than nothing I could boast,
And vanity confess.

The more thy glories strike mine eyes,
The humbler I shall lie:
Thus while I sink my joys shall rise
Unmeasurably high.

PRAYER

For Wednesday Evening.

O thou God of infinite goodness and
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ut by every cord of love draw us still
iearer to thyself. Help us, O Lord, to
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nd delighting to do thy will. Guard us
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hat we may rejoice in all thy perfections.
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trial, and so pass the days of our sojourn-
ng here in thy faith and fear, that at lengt

we may attain to the possession of tl peace which passeth all understandi and which is the everlasting portion thy redeemed people. Thus may we rooted and grounded in love, and throu thy grace, keep ourselves in the love God, abounding in all the fruits of righ ousness, which are by Jesus Christ to t praise and glory. Our Father, &c.

MEDITATION

For Thursday Morning.

THE CHRISTIAN CONQUEROR.

"And this is the victory that overcometh world, even our faith. Who is he that overcom the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is son of God." 1 John v. 4, 5.

The real Christian is the true conque of the world. It is the world that obstru our way to heaven, and is the great im diment to our entrance there. But he tl believes that Jesus is the Son of God, l lieves that he gave himself for us that *might* deliver us from this present e *world*, and powerfully to conduct us throu *it to* heaven, and to God, who is fully

e enjoyed there: and he that so believes, y this faith overcomes the world. He eels that this world is an enemy to his oul, to his holiness, to his salvation, and o his blessedness. For all that is in the orld, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the ye, and the pride of life, is not of the 'ather, but is of the world. He sees it must e a great part of the Saviour's work, and f his own salvation, to be redeemed and escued from the pollution that is in the orld through lust. He sees in the life nd conduct of the Lord Jesus on earth, hat this world is to be renounced and vercome. He perceives that the Lord esus conquered the world, not for himself nly, but also for his followers: and that hey must study to be partakers of his ictory. "Be of good cheer, I have overome the world." By the sufferings and eath of the Lord Jesus he is mortified nd crucified to the world: "God forbid hat I should glory, save in the cross of ur Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world s crucified to me, and I unto the world." By the *resurrection* of Jesus Christ from he dead, he is begotten to a lively hope of blessed world above. He knows that he Saviour *is gone to heaven*, to prepare *place for all* true believers. He know

that from thence his Saviour *will come again* to put an end to this world, to judge the inhabitants of it, and to receive his believers to his presence and glory. He is possessed with a spirit and disposition that cannot be satisfied with this world, that looks beyond it, and is still tending, striving, and pressing towards the world in heaven. It is *in the Gospel* that we see the occasion and ground of the quarrel between the holy God and this rebellious world. It is *there* we meet with that sacred doctrine both spiritual and practical, which is altogether opposed to the tenour, the temper, and tendency of this world. It is *by that doctrine* that a spirit is communicated and diffused, which is superior and adverse to the spirit of the world. It is *there we see* that the Saviour himself is not of this world, that his kingdom was not, and is not so; that it must be separated from the world, and gathered out of it for heaven and for Him. *There we see* that the Saviour designed not this world for the inheritance and portion of his redeemed people. As he is gone to heaven himself, so he assures them that he will prepare a place *for* their residence there, designing that *they* shall always dwell with him; and *allowing* them to believe that if in this life,

and this world only, they had hope in him, they should indeed be miserable. *It is there* that the eternally blessed world is most clearly revealed and proposed to our affections and pursuits. *It is there* that we are furnished with the best arms and artillery against the assaults and attempts of the world. *It is there* we are taught how its artillery may be turned against itself; and its oppositions, encounters, and persecutions be made serviceable to our conquest of the world, and to our motion and ascent heavenwards. And *there* we are encouraged by a whole army and cloud of faithful soldiers, who have in their several generations, and the posts and stations appointed them, overcome the world, and won the crown.

It is only the Christian who is the true hero that vanquishes the world, rejoices in a universal victory, takes the kingdom of heaven by violence, and lays hold on eternal life. Who but the believer on Jesus Christ can thus overcome the world?

HYMN

For Thursday Morning.

Awake, my zeal! awake, my love!
  To serve my Saviour here below;
In works which Saints in light above,
  And Angels would delight to do.

Awake, my charity! to feed
  The hungry soul, to clothe the poor;
In heaven there are no sons of need,
  There all these duties are no more.

The land of triumph is on high;
  The land where foes no more shall rage;
Lord, may I conquer till I die,
  And all the Christian warfare wage.

Subdue thy passions, O my soul!
  Maintain the fight, thy work pursue;
Daily thy rising sins control,
  And be thy victories ever new.

Let ev'ry passing hour confess,
  That I the Lord, my Saviour, own:
And when my life and labour cease,
  May I obtain the glorious crown!

PRAYER

For Thursday Morning.

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world, so may we also overcome it. By faith in him may we obtain the victory; such a victory, that we may not again be entangled by its alluring vanities, encumbered by its cares, or disquieted by its sorrows. Help us to live above the things that are seen and temporal, looking upon them with a holy indifference. May the eyes of our faith be ever fixed on those things which are not seen and eternal, remembering that we are not of this world, but are called to come out of it. And seeing we are designed for another and better state of being, may we seek those things which are above, and set our affections on them. As followers of the cross, may we fight the good fight of faith! may we lay hold on eternal life; and be animated by a well founded hope that there is laid up for us a crown of life, which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give us in the last great day. We come to thee that we may obtain mercy to pardon, and grace to help us in every time of need. O excite us to, direct us in, and thoroughly furnish us for every good word and work. May we commit ourselves to thy grace, with a sincere resolution to submit in every thing to thy governance; and through Christ strength.

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ınd, and find we need a strength we never
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ıin of our salvation shew us that death
a conquered enemy; may he cause us
) triumph, and enable us to render eter-
al thanks unto God who giveth us the
ictory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
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HYMN

For Thursday Evening.

Through the day thy love has spar'd us,
  Now we lay us down to rest:
Through the silent watches guard us,
  Let no foe our peace molest;
Jesus, thou our guardian be,
Sweet it is to trust in thee.

Pilgrims here on earth, and strangers
  Dwelling in the midst of foes,
Us and ours preserve from dangers,
  In thy care may we repose:
And, when life's short day is past,
Rest with thee in heaven at last.

PRAYER

For Thursday Evening.

O Lord our God, we desire to come into thy holy presence pleading thine own gracious promise to pour out upon those who seek thee a spirit of grace and supplication. While we present our petitions unto thee, we would remember that thou art in heaven, enthroned in thine own glory, dwelling amidst the praises of an-

gels, and the spirits of the just made perfect. How great is thy condescension in humbling thyself to delight in their constant ascriptions of glory, honour, dominion, and power! But thou hast in thine infinite compassion and goodness deigned to declare that thou hast a dwelling place on earth, even every heart which is humble and contrite, and which trembleth at thy word! Graciously vouchsafe unto each of us such a disposition as thou wilt thus honour. May we come before thee deeply sensible that we have fallen by our iniquities, and that in us dwelleth no good thing. We are depraved by nature, and defiled by transgression; and thou wouldest be most just in sending us where hope cannot come. Yet banish us not from thy presence; take not thy Holy Spirit from us; but reveal thyself unto us, and let the light of thy countenance ever shine upon our souls. O Lord, who is a God like unto thee, pardoning iniquity, transgression, and sin; because thou delightest in mercy, and retainest not thine anger for ever! Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us; but unto thy great name be all the glory. We rejoice that thou hast, in unspeakable mercy, found a ransom for sinners, and satisfied offended justice.

ıee while we are here below; and, after ıis life, take our souls to dwell with thee ır ever in heaven. These mercies, and l things necessary for life and godliness, e earnestly supplicate for ourselves and l our dear relatives and friends in the ıme of our most blessed Redeemer and dvocate, Jesus Christ our Lord; who in ımpassion to our ignorance has taught ; thus to call upon thee in behalf of our-lves and all mankind, "Our Father," &c.

MEDITATION

For Friday Morning.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those ings which are above, where Christ sitteth on e right hand of God. Set your affection on ings above, not on things on the earth. For ye e dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. hen Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then all ye also appear with him in glory." Col. 1—4.

We must seek first his kingdom: we ust mind the concerns of another world ore than this: we must make heaven ır scope and aim; maintaining commu-on with the world above by faith, and *ve, and holy* love; and making it our

constant care and business to secure our title to heavenly bliss. And the reason given is, because Christ sits at the right hand of God.

He who is our best friend, our head, is advanced to the highest dignity and honour in heaven; and is gone before to secure to us heavenly happiness. We therefore should seek and secure what he has purchased at so vast an expense, and about which he is taking so much care. We must live such a life as Christ lived on earth, holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners.

To seek heavenly things, is to set our affections upon them; to love them, and enlarge our desires after them. Upon the wings of affection the heart soars upwards, and is carried forth towards spiritual and divine objects. We must acquaint ourselves with them, and esteem them above all other things; and lay out ourselves in preparation for the enjoyment of them. This is to be spiritually minded, and to seek and desire a better country, that is an heavenly one.

Let us remember that we are buried with Christ, and planted in the likeness of his death. Every Christian is crucified unto the world, and the world is crucified

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t will appear again in his Father's
his own glory, and with his hol

angels. We shall then appear with him in glory. It will be *his* glory to have his redeemed with him, and it will be *theirs* to come with him, and be with him for ever! At the second coming of Christ there will be a general meeting of all the saints; and they, whose life is now hid with Christ, shall then appear with Christ in that glory which he himself enjoys. Do we look for such a happiness as that? Should we not then set our affections upon that world, and live above this? Our head is there, our home is there, our treasure is there, and we hope to be there for ever.

HYMN

For Friday Morning.

Almighty Saviour set us free
From sin's vile state of slavery;
And as our treasure is above,
Be there our thoughts, be there our love.

But oft, alas! too well we know,
Our thoughts, our love, are fix'd below:
In every lifeless prayer we find,
The heart unmoved, the absent mind.

Lord, draw our best affections hence,
Above this world of sin and sense;
Cause them to soar above the skies,
And rest not till to heaven they rise.

PRAYER

For Friday Morning.

) most merciful and blessed God, who
;t commanded us to make known our
[uests unto thee by prayer and suppli-
ion with thanksgiving; assist us, we
;eech thee, to draw nigh to thee with
;ly thankfulness for thy holy word,
ich opens to us such glorious prospects,
l sets before us thy commandments, in
;ping of which there is great reward.
; bless thee for the revelation of a
;iour, and desire to exalt his name above
;ry name. We thank thee, that, having
;ained eternal redemption for us, he is
;ered with his own blood into the holy
ce; and now sits upon the throne of
Majesty in the highest heavens, adored
the angelic hosts, and attended by an
umerable company of the redeemed,
o continually surround him, singing
hems to his praise, and casting their
wns at his feet.

Ve bless thee that he ever appears in
presence of God as the great High-
est of our profession, to intercede for
who come unto thee by him; that he

now preparing a place for all his followers, and will come again to receive them to himself, to behold and partake his glory. O, may the contemplation of the joy into which he is entered, and the power with which he is girded, so influence our minds, that we also by faith may be raised up and made to sit together with him in heavenly places. Help us to contemplate the glory of Christ, the love of Christ, and the great things of the world above; that so our hearts may be dead to all below, but alive to thee. But, O Lord, we have need to examine ourselves, that we may know of a truth that we are risen with Christ. Help us ever to exercise sincerity in this great search, and never to rest satisfied until we can appeal to thee, and say, "Whom have we in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth we desire besides thee;" "Thou knowest all things, thou knowest that we love thee." Do thou, O Lord, who searchest the heart and triest the reins, lead us, we beseech thee, in the way everlasting.

Make us jealous over ourselves with a godly jealousy, lest we should be cleaving to earth. Raise our affections to Christ, and help us to esteem him as "the chief among ten thousand and altogether love-

" Help us to accept of salvation in the
y in which he offers it to guilty man.
ıy we approve and love this free salva-
n, submitting to the righteousness of
d by faith, and not seeking to establish
r own righteousness; content to be
thing, that the Lord alone may be ex-
ed, and Christ be all in all; and may
grace of God which bringeth salvation,
ıch us to deny all ungodliness and
rldly lusts, and to live soberly, right-
ısly, and godly in the world. May we
e our whole selves unto thee, present-
our bodies and souls as a living sa-
fice which is our reasonable service.
lp us to resign ourselves to the sancti-
ng power of thy Spirit, to the com-
nding power of thy law, to the disposing
wer of thy providence.

We have in times past too much resisted
Holy Spirit, and striven against him
en he has striven with us. Henceforward
y we yield to his influences; let his
ght quell our corruptions, and bring
ry thought into captivity to the obe-
nce of Christ. May we have respect
to all thy commandments, and resolve
ıt what the Lord shall say unto us that
l we do. Cause us, heavenly Father,
r cheerfully to submit all our affair

to thy divine disposal, to be directed and determined by thine unerring wisdom. Do with us as seemeth good in thy sight; let us not lean to our own understanding; but work thy will in us, and for us, and by us. Thus, O Lord, fit us for life or for death; that so, when Christ who is our life shall appear, we also may appear with him in glory. Amen.

HYMN

For Friday Evening,

True religion is the same
Under every age and name:
All who feel its power will own,
They are sav'd by grace alone.

Very different they may be;
Yet in this they all agree;
That their hearts are full of sin,
And their natures all unclean.

Saints have been in every age
Guided by the sacred page;
And the poorest Christian feels
What the word of God reveals.

Yes, they would with us confess
Christ the Lord our righteousness;
By believing in his name,
They to heavenly glory came.

We may well exalt him thus ;
He is all in all to us ;
If he wash us in his blood,
He will bring us home to God.

Oh ! that all of us may meet,
In his righteousness complete,
With the ransom'd tribes above,
There to sing redeeming love !

PRAYER

For Friday Evening.

O almighty and most gracious God, ose who know thy name will put their ıst in thee; for thou hast never failed em that seek thee through thy beloved ın. Help us, we pray thee, at this time, know for ourselves that thou art gra- ɔus, long-suffering, and abundant in odness and truth. May this revelation thyself encourage us to draw near to ee, though we have often broken thy ws and transgressed thy commands, and serve only that thou shouldest hide thy ce from us, and shut up thy loving kind- ɛss in displeasure.

Our evil hearts of unbelief are continu- ly apt to start aside like a broken bow ; ɔ *are prone* to forget thee our onl

defence, and to trust in our own strength, though we have often found it to be perfect weakness. Merciful Father, hold thou us up with thine almighty arm, then shall we be able to maintain the good fight of faith, and at length be more than conquerers through him that hath loved us. Enable us to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and own ourselves his willing subjects. May we put ourselves under his government, under the influences of his grace, and the guidance of his Holy Spirit. May we seriously attend to the great things which belong to our everlasting peace and welfare. Enable us to exercise an unwavering faith in Christ. Thou hast declared thyself well pleased in the Son of thy love: O help us to commit our souls into his almighty protection, believing that he is able to keep that which we commit unto him against that day. Then may we purified from an evil conscience by the blood of Jesus, and clothed with the robe of his justifying righteousness, be admitted to sit down at the marriage supper of the Lamb. And looking for and hastening to the joy and glory set before us, may we run with patience the race of godliness; may we resign our whole selves, body, soul, and spirit, unto thee; and be determined

that in thy strength we will serve thee faithfully, and walk closely with thee in all manner of obedience.

We entreat thee, O God, in an especial manner to bless our friends, visit them with thy favour, and shew unto them the path of life. Let those that know thee rejoice and be glad in thee; and in thy mercy visit those who know and love thee not. Thou art he who openeth, and no man shutteth: O speak thou unto their souls, and open their hearts to receive the testimony thou hast given of thy Son, Grant that we may all be found savingly united to Christ; that so we may be interested in the propitiation he has made for sin, and be accepted before thee at thy coming. O Lord, pardon and hear, and bless us for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour; to whom with thee, O Father, and the blessed Spirit, be equal and never ending praises. Amen.

MEDITATION

For Saturday Morning.

THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

"The love of Christ which passeth knowledge." Eph. iii. 19.

The love of Christ! but where shall we

begin, and where shall we find
With holy wonder and adoration
claim, O the breadth, the length, th
the height of that love in which
tion is swallowed up! O the bound
tent of that power, wisdom, righte
and mercy, which finite knowle
neither comprehend nor express!
gelic choir proclaimed the high p
the infinite Jehovah, all whose per
are alike unlimited, when the
"Glory to God in the highest; p
earth, and good-will to men."
must learn this spiritual song on t
mit of *Calvary*. *There*, beholding
ator of Angels hanging upon the
tree, even as the suffering lamb o
offering, we understand the divine
tion, "They crucified the Lord of
There we perceive wisdom, holin
love united, emanating from one
The Creator becoming man, in
make his fallen creatures again th
of that everlasting friendship, wh
lost in our first head, but restore
Lord from heaven. *There we see* the
paid for miserable insolvent debt
law, the impress of the divine holi
ceiving full satisfaction; the req
of an infinitely righteous Judge

and obtaining complete and sufficient fulfilment in the perfect, all-surpassing obedience of the Lamb. Whilst at the exclamation, "*It is finished!*" hell trembled; Satan stood dismayed; the rocks and the mountains rent; the dead were raised; and the veil of the temple was divided in twain! *There we behold* the mystery of the sinner's justification, his regeneration and sanctification; in the blood shedding of Emmanuel, his burial, resurrection, ascension, and his promised gift of the Holy Spirit. O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! Well may the Scriptures say, that to Jesus Christ give all the prophets witness; since he alone is the eternal Rock of Ages, founded upon which the soul obtains remission of sin, and a title to everlasting life.

What holy shame must cover our face when reflecting on what have been *our returns for such loving-kindness.* When we behold ourselves *in this light,* we dare not lift up our head! Blessed be God, there is a sufficient source of comfort in the boundless ocean of divine love, which has neither bottom nor shore. Yet must our soul be often grieved and wounded by our ingratitude, when we ask ourselves, where

that hatred and aversion to sin? Where is that love towards Christ and his people? Where that following after holiness and every other virtue which is seen brightly shining in many of his children? Not that they are a ground of confidence; O no! this is quite beyond ourselves. O! that being in Christ Jesus who has loved all his people with everlasting love, we could walk more humbly before him and with him. Oh! to look more habitually into the garden of Gethsamene, and the awful scene of bleeding Calvary; then should we wait in a lowly posture at the feet of the great Teacher, and so would this love which passeth knowledge be abundantly shed abroad in our hearts.

HYMN

For Saturday Morning.

Thanks be unto God for the gift,
  Th' unspeakable gift of his love!
Come sinners, let gratitude lift
  Our joyful affections above!
This gift ev'ry other outweighs;
  Its value we cannot conceive;
The Gospel its riches displays,
  And blessed are they that believe.

How wretched and lost was our case,
By nature and practice undone!
To save us, oh wonder of grace,
The Father withheld not his Son!
He gave Him, the just for the vile,
To die that we rebels might live:
In Him he is pleased to smile,
And faithful and just to forgive.

Yet, when we were enemies doom'd
To regions of guilt and despair,
The Saviour our nature assumed,
Himself our infirmities bare.
He sav'd us from sin and from hell,
When lost and just ready to die;
And rais'd us with princes to dwell
In mansions of glory on high.

What tongue can his mercy unfold!
Its height and its depth are unknown;
Yet sweetly its worth we behold
Reveal'd by his Spirit alone.
But more shall its glories employ
Our praise in his temple above;
While ever beholding with joy
Th' unspeakable gift of his love.

PRAYER

For Saturday Morning.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
ven and earth are full of the majesty

of thy glory! All thy cre
thee, and thy saints bless th
may they bless thee who kn
and the riches of thy grace
Jesus Christ thy well-beloved
be unto God for his unspe
Adored be thy name, O Lor
didst not spare thine own So
gave him up for us all. An
thy name, O Lord Jesus Chri
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relief. With lively thankfu
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hearts be filled with wonder a
at the exceeding greatness
From his fulness may we all

for grace. Bought with such a price may we be anxious to glorify thee, O Lord, with our bodies and spirits, which are doubly thine; thine by redemption as well as by creation. Henceforward may they be thine, also, by a full and unreserved consecration of ourselves to thy service and glory. Constrained by such love may we be willing to deny ourselves, and take up our cross and follow him. What things were gain to us, them may we count loss for Christ; yea, doubtless, may we count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord; that we may win Christ and be found in him.

We rejoice that he, who while here below, wept and died for sinners, is now ascended up on high, and exalted at thy right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour. We adore thee, that his love is still the same, now that he is entered into heaven our great forerunner. Thither may our most ardent affections ever ascend; thither may our thoughts continually rise adoring contemplation of the glory which is to be revealed. And oh! may all be amongst the happy number of those who will at last behold thy face with abiding joy.

With shame, O Lord, would we confess, that we have been so weak and defective in our love to thee; so low in our thoughts of thee, so languid in our desires towards thee, so unsteady in our resolutions to serve thee. O enable us henceforth to love thee better, and fit us to be where love shall be made perfect. There may we drink largely of the rivers of joy, and fully partake of the blessings of redeeming grace. We ask all for the Redeemer's sake, who ever liveth to make intercession for us, and is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him. Amen.

HYMN

For Saturday Evening.

With thy counsel thou shalt guide me,
  O thou Shepherd of the flock!
Safe from every tempest hide me,
  Fix'd upon the living rock.
Poor and needy, oh! receive me;
  Be thy rod my staff and stay;
And that blessed portion give me,
  Which no power can take away.

Whether love and mercy shining
  Cheer my path with sacred light,
Or my heavenly sun declining
  Spread around the shades of night;
Still my faith on thee reposing,
  Let thine arm conduct me through,
Till in death the warfare closing,
  I shall prove thy promise true.

Never leave me nor forsake me;
  More and more reveal thy love;
Till thou shalt a pillar make me
  In the house of God above.
There the song of grace abounding
  Freely round thy throne shall rise,
And thy praise for ever sounding
  Fill thy temple in the skies.

PRAYER

For Saturday Evening.

O Thou, in whom we live, and move, nd have our being, we thank thee that et thou preservest us in life; and that, t the close of another week, we bow at ıy footstool, to offer to thee the tribute f our thanks, and to plead with thee for renewal of thy mercies. May thy Spirit elp our infirmities, and teach us how to ray. What are we, O Lord, that thou *ast brought us* hitherto! How mar

have been called to thy bar duri
week which is now closing! O k
constantly in mind, that to us the
may not be far distant when we t
be required to give an account
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made of our precious time, and the
talents with which thou hast en
us. When the Judge of all the
shall come upon the clouds of his
and every eye shall see him; O
may we not be ashamed before him
coming. Though we have too mu
son to confess, that in times past w
provoked thee, and been enemies
in our minds by wicked works; y
it then be found, that we are rec
to God by the blood of the cross
through Christ Jesus, may we b
sented holy and unblameable, and
provable in thy sight.

We bless thee that thou hast man
thy love towards us in sending thin
begotten Son into the world, that we
live through him. O give us to
this blessed record thou hast give
thy Son. O Lord, help our unbelief.
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Thou alone art the author, and thou
art the finisher of it. Lord incre

faith: fulfil the work of faith with power; shed abroad thy love in our hearts, so shall we be vitally united to Christ our living head. If hitherto we have not known thee nor loved thee, O hasten with thine Holy Spirit, and begin the good work within us; breathe into our souls the breath of life. May we look unto the Saviour, and beneath the shadow of his cross may our hearts of stone be turned to flesh.

Spare us, we pray thee, to enter on the morrow into thy courts. May our waking thoughts be of thee; and let us welcome thy day, as a day of rest from sin and every worldly care. Prepare us for the solemnities of the Sabbath, and fit us for communion with thee. Help us to leave the world and the things of the world, and with our loins girded and our lamps burning, to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Teach thy servants who shall minister, and strengthen them with all might by thy Holy Spirit: endue them with fidelity, wisdom, and zeal. Do thou speak unto our souls a word in due season; and may we receive the truth not as the word of a dying man, but as the word of the living God. Make it effectual to hum-

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through him that hath loved us,
himself for us. Amen.

SACRAMENTAL EXERCISES.

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he Prayer of one going to the Lord's Table.

O thou God of ordinances, I thank thee r the covenant of thy grace, and the ap-ointed seals of it. I desire to give myself thee, but fear I should approach to holy ings unworthily. Hast not thou filled e with reverence for this command of my ving Saviour, with this desire of commu-on with thee, and with this willingness be wholly thine? Examine me, O Lord, id prove me; try my reins and my heart. m I indulging any secret sin? Do I allow yself in the neglect of any holy precept? et me not wrong my soul by a sinful ab-ence from thy table. Let thy word, thy ovidence, and thy Spirit concur to make y way plain before me. Scatter my oubts. Give me stronger faith and love. that the views of a crucified Saviour may eeply impress my mind, and a sense of is dying love constrain me to give up yself to him more solemnly than I have er yet done.

Lord, shew me thy covenant, and help me to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I believe; Lord, help thou mine unbelief, and increase my faith. Kindle my repentance, and strike this rocky heart that it may bleed at the remembrance of my past follies; and confirm my resolutions, that I may have nothing more to do with idols. I abhor myself that I love my God, my Saviour, no better. Let that spark become a flame; let that flame be strong and steady, and the proofs of it appear in my holy obedience. O shed abroad thy love in my heart, by the Holy Spirit given unto me! Breathe upon this earthly clod: and it shall become warm. Draw me, and I shall run after thee. I had rather love thee than have all the treasures on earth. O my God, let me not be cold and lifeless at that solemnity, where I am to commemorate the most glorious love that was ever known or heard of! Be with my spirit, help my infirmities, accept me, and unite my heart to thee in everlasting bonds, through my Redeemer. Amen.

PRAYER

BEFORE A COMMUNION.

Worthy art thou, O Lord, to receive blessing, and honour, and glory, and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. I adore thee as the God of my life, and the length of my days; but above all, as the God of salvation, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom I draw near to a throne of grace.

I bless thee for the new covenant which is ratified by the shedding of Christ's blood, and that I am invited this day to receive the seals of that covenant. Do thou graciously open the fountain of life, for the refreshment of my thirsty soul: may I by faith behold Christ crucified set forth before me, and feed on him to my spiritual growth in grace. Give me, I beseech thee, clearer views of the evil of sin, and of the height and breadth of the love of Christ, that passeth knowledge. Grant, O Lord, that I may be enabled to eat of that bread as the memorial of the body of Christ, broken for me; and to drink of that cup, as the memorial of the blood of Christ, shed *for the remission* of sins. There may

glory in the cross of Christ, in him that was crucified upon it, as my only Lord and Saviour. There may I meditate on thine inestimable love, O Father of mercies, in the gift of thine only begotten Son, and on his astonishing love and grace, till the fire of sacred love shall burn within me; till out of the abundance of my heart, my tongue break forth in strains of lively thanksgiving, and my mouth praise thee with joyful lips: till, being constrained by this love, I most solemnly resolve and engage to live henceforth, not to myself, but to him that died for me and rose again! Here at Emanuel's cross may I learn self-denial, deadness to the world, patience, meekness, forgiveness, and humility, looking unto him who endured the cross, and despised the shame. May I never be weary and faint in my mind; but, while I smite on my breast and say, "God be merciful to me a sinner," I would utter my penitent confessions with lively faith and hope. O give me true repentance, and living faith: teach me to count all things but loss, that I may win Christ, and partake of his salvation.

I believe, Lord, that thou art gone up on *high*, having led captivity captive. At this *feast* of love, let me receive of the fruits

nd benefits of this glorious victory; and, 'hile I receive the outward and visible ign, let my soul delightfully feel the in-'ard and spiritual grace. Accept, I be-eech thee, O Lord, of the fresh surrender nd dedication which I make of myself and family) to thee this morning. I am o longer my own; but thine. Thou ast made me, thou hast continually 'atched over and preserved me; and thou ast bought me with a price, even the pre-ious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without lemish and without spot. O thou that rt the beginner and finisher of every good 'ork, be pleased to assist my endeavours, o withdraw my mind more and more from hese sensible things. Shed abroad thy ove in my heart; may I sit under thy hadow with delight; and so hunger and hirst after the bread and water of life, hat my soul may be satisfied; that I may unger no more for the bread that pe-isheth; that I may thirst no more for the isterns that yield no water; but for those ivers of pleasure that are at thy right and for evermore.

A SACRAMENTAL HYMN.

Jesus invites his saints
  To meet around his board:
Here pardon'd rebels sit and hold
  Communion with their Lord.

For food he gave his flesh;
  He bids us drink his blood:
Amazing favour, matchless grace,
  Of our descending God!

This holy bread and wine
  Maintain our fainting breath,
By union with our living Lord,
  And int'rest in his death.

Our heavenly Father calls
  Christ and his members one:
We, the young children of his love,
  And he, the firstborn Son.

We are but several parts
  Of the same broken bread:
One body hath its sev'ral limbs
  But Jesus is the head.

Let all our pow'rs be join'd
  His glorious name to raise:
Pleasure and love fill every mind;
  And every voice be praise.

A devotional Exercise at the Lord's Table.

O matchless bounty of the eternal God! What a gift is this! And to what unworthy sinners! And will God stoop so low to man, and come so near him? Will he thus reconcile his worthless enemies? Will he freely pardon all that I have done, and take me into his family and love, and feed me with the flesh and blood of his Son? I believe; Lord help my unbelief; I humbly and thankfully accept thy gifts! Open thou my heart, that I may yet more joyfully and more thankfully accept them. Behold, Lord, a wretch that needeth all this mercy! And, as it is the offer of thy grace and covenant, my soul gladly takes thee for my God and Father, for my Saviour and my Sanctifier. And here I give up myself to thee, as thy created, redeemed, and regenerated child; to be saved and sanctified by thee; to be loved by thee, and to love thee for ever. O seal this covenant by thy Spirit, and let me be entirely and for ever thine!

THE MEMORIAL OF OUR ABSENT LORD.

Jesus is gone above the skies,
  Where our weak senses reach him not:
And carnal objects court our eyes,
  To thrust our Saviour from our thought.

He knows what wand'ring hearts we have,
  Apt to forget his lovely face:
And, to refresh our minds, he gave
  These kind memorials of his grace.

The Lord of life this table spread,
  With his own flesh and dying blood,
We on the rich provision feed,
  And taste the wine, and bless our God.

Let sinful sweets be all forgot,
  And earth grow less in our esteem;
Christ and his love fill every thought,
  And faith and hope be fix'd on him.

While he is absent from our sight,
  'Tis to prepare our souls a place;'
That we way dwell in heavenly light,
  And live for ever near his face.

Our eyes look upwards to the hills,
  Whence our returning Lord shall come:
We wait thy chariot's awful wheels,
  To fetch our longing spirits home.

MEDITATION

AFTER A COMMUNION.

O what a privilege is the Lord's supper when it is the means of communion with the Son, and with his Father, through the Spirit! What an honour is it to be admitted to a feast instituted by the Lamb of God, and for the enjoyment of the love of God! What a blessing is it to sit down now to the marriage supper of the Lamb; and to partake by faith of its spiritual realities and delights! There is nothing beyond this upon earth; and it has sometimes been to the believing receiver a foretaste of heaven. Yes, blessed be God, it has been even to thee, O my soul, unworthy as thou art of one crumb from the master's table, a feast of fat things, of wines kept; even of fat things, full of marrow; of wines kept and well refined. And when thou hast not been so highly feasted, yet thou hast enjoyed solid communion. Partaking of this bread and wine, according to the Lord's institution, and depending on the Lord's promise, thou hast been fed and nourished at his table. The virtue of his Spirit has been put forth *in thy heart;* and, by faith, thou hast

truly eat the flesh and drunk the blood of the Son of man, as thou didst eat the bread and drink the wine. It was strictly speaking a communion; being united to Christ thou wast a partaker of Christ, and hadst a fellowship with him in his life and death. O let me pray for more of this; and beg of the Holy Spirit to increase my communion with Jesus, that I may live more and more in him and on him; and thereby enjoy more of the love of my heavenly Father. Let me plead and expect the fulfilment of his gracious promise, "He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me." John vi. 56, 57.

PRAYER

AFTER A COMMUNION.

Glory be to thee, O Lord our God, that in our extreme need of a Redeemer, thou hast made such a gracious provision for our souls: that thou hast given thy beloved Son to die for our sins, and to save us, after we had destroyed ourselves. Blessed be thy name, that he who offered up himself upon the cross for us, is pleased to

offer himself at his table *to* us. There have I sat down under his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. O how infinitely indebted am I to thy mercy, that thou callest me to this sweet heavenly entertainment; which thou hast purchased and provided for us at so great a price! O make me more sensible of thy love, and more thankful for its blessed effects. Let me now find the happy fruits of strength and refreshment to my soul: even strength against all the temptations that would pluck me out of thy hands; and refreshment that may render all the pleasures of sin distasteful to me, and make it my meat and drink to do the will of my heavenly Father. Let nothing take from me the savour I have had of heavenly things. Let me not forsake the Lord of love, who has been so good and gracious to my soul. Other lords beside thee have had dominion over me, but, henceforth, by thee only may I make mention of thy name. Let me never more take up arms against my heavenly Sovereign, to whom now again I have vowed allegiance. O let me join myself to thee, my Lord, in a perpetual covenant, that shall never be forgotten. Thou art *the best* of all lords, who rulest *us only that thou* mayest bless us. O breal

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now and for evermore. Amen.

Paraphrase on the 23rd Psalm

AT THE SACRAMENT.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not

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towards thee. "Why art thou disquieted within me?" *The Lord is my Shepherd; The Lord Jehovah my creator*, and the world's creator; so that "the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and all that dwell therein." *The Lord God omnipotent*, "who does what he pleases, both in heaven and on earth: who can open deep rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of valleys; who can make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water;" and "cause all things to work together for the good of those who love him." *The Lord Jesus*, my Saviour, my friend, my elder brother, bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh; and who, therefore, can be touched with the feeling of my infirmities: who knows what things I stand in need of, and will not suffer me to be tried above what he will enable me to bear.

The Lord is my Shepherd. Blessed Saviour, thou art called by various names, all of which display great condescension and goodness; but none of the characters thou hast assumed is expressive of more tender affection, and watchful care, than that of a *Shepherd;* and none of them hast thou more graciously fulfilled. How infinitely hast thou surpassed the best shep-

herd that ever existed. Other shepherds have been remarkable for looking diligently to the state of their flocks, providing for their proper pasture, taking care that none of them went astray, and defending them against beasts of prey. But when was it ever known that a shepherd laid down his life for his sheep? And yet *this* has the Lord my Shepherd done.

I shall not want. I *cannot* want, if he undertake for my supply. I may indeed want health; or I may want wealth; or I may want friends. I may want a thousand things, which others may think, or which I myself may be so far mistaken as to think necessary for my happiness. But my faithful and infinitely wise Shepherd best knows what I want. He may see a change of pasture, (though seemingly from good to bad,) advantageous. He may see I want medicine, when I may think I want cordials. He may see I want humbling, when I may think I want consolation. But I will comfort myself with this, what I really want I shall assuredly have.

Ver. 2d. *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.* And are not present mercies sufficient pledges of future supplies? I have all things richly to enjoy, both for life and

godliness. And it is the peculiarity of gospel blessings that they do not perish in the using. The waters of the sanctuary are living waters. The "river, the streams whereof make glad the city of our God," depends not on creature sources for its supply. It rises in heaven; it springs immediately from the throne of God; and is fed from the everflowing, and overflowing fountain of grace and glory. Other pastures may be eaten bare, or scorched up with drought; but the pastures where Christ leads his flocks are covered with perpetual verdure, and afford the richest entertainment to starving souls.

Ver. 3d. *He restoreth my soul.* Thanks be to my ever faithful guide and guardian! He ordereth my steps, and pondereth all my goings; and, by the most endearing cords of love, hath bound me fast to the horns of the altar. How frequently, how solemnly, (and I would hope sincerely) have I renewed those bonds, and entered into fresh engagements, that though all men should forsake him, yet would not I! And when I have been at his table feasting on his smiles, tasting that loving kindness that is better than life, and beholding the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full *of grace and* truth, I have thought i

ɜrdition. He will keep me, therefore, om falling; or restore me when I do ll; and preserve me, by his mighty ɔwer, through faith unto salvation.

HYMN.

ɩeeking the pastures of Christ. Cant. i. 7, 8.

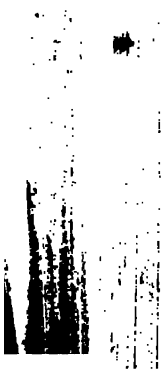
Thou whom my soul admires above
All earthly joy, all earthly love;
Tell me, dear Shepherd, let me know,
Where do thy sweetest pastures grow?

Where is the shadow of that rock
That from the sun defends thy flock?
Fain would I feed among thy sheep,
Among them rest, among them sleep.

Why should thy bride appear like one
That turns aside to paths unknown?
My constant feet would never rove,
Would never seek another love.

The footsteps of thy flock I see;
Thy sweetest pastures rich and free:
A wondrous feast thy love prepares,
Bought with thy wounds, and groans, and tears.

His dearest flesh he gives for food,
And bids me drink his precious blood.
Here to these hills my soul shall come,
Till my beloved leads me home.



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sion! For these multiplied favours, blessed be thy name, O most gracious God! And shall we receive so much good at thy hand, and shall we not receive evil? The cup which our heavenly Father hath given us, shall we not drink it? We humbly take it from thine hands, O our God, in a full persuasion of thy fatherly love. We desire to resign all our thoughts and desires unto thee. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be thy name that thou hast continued so long the enjoyments thou now callest us to resign: and blessed be thy name, if, by resigning our will to thine, we can testify our faith in thee and affection to thee. We have nothing too great or too dear to resign to thee, from whose bountiful hand we have received our all. O that no repining thought may arise in our hearts to disorder or discompose our duty to thee, or towards our neighbour: but help us rather to think wherein we have offended thee; and wherein we have done iniquity, to do so no more. Let us place our affections more stedfastly on things above, and lay up our treasure and hope in heaven, where our "life is hid *with Christ* in God." We thank thee, O *Father of* mercies, that thou hast given

such everlasting consolation through thy grace in Christ Jesus. We will praise thy name for ever, for those exceeding great and precious promises which are our support and comfort in all the troubles of this life. Increase our faith, strengthen and confirm our hope, and raise up our spirits continually to that blessed place where Jesus is, that we may rejoice in hope of that immortal life where all tears shall be wiped away from our eyes; where sighing and sorrow shall never enter; and where, through the riches of divine grace, we hope to follow those who are now, through faith and patience, inheriting the promises; and where we hope to join together in praising that wise and merciful providence, which, by ways most contrary to our desires, brought us to endless and undisturbed bliss.

Keep us, O our God, in a humble, quiet, and dutiful submission to thee, waiting for that peaceful and joyful repose in the eternal rest which thou hast prepared for thy people through thy mercies in Christ Jesus; by whom all glory, honour, love, and obedience be rendered to thee, both now and for ever. Amen.

For a Family under heavy Affliction.

O thou wise and merciful Governor of the world! we have often said, Thy will be done; and now thy will is painful to us. But shall we on that account unsay what we have so often said? God forbid! We come rather to lay ourselves down at thy feet, and to declare our full and free submission to all thy sacred pleasure! O Lord, thou art just and righteous in all! We acknowledge in thy presence that we have deserved this, and ten thousand times more; we acknowledge that it is of thy mercy that we are not consumed; that the least degree of comfort yet remains. But shall we speak to thee only as our Judge? O Lord, thou hast taught us a tenderer name: thou condescendest to call thyself our Father, and to speak of correction as the effects of thy love. O welcome, welcome those afflictions, which are the tokens of thy parental affection; the marks of our adoption into thy family. Thou knowest what discipline we need. Thou seest, O Lord, that folly which there is in the hearts of thy poor froward and thoughtless children; and knowest what rods and what strokes are needful to *drive it away.* We would, therefore

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ing after. We are partakers every moment of thy bounty, of thy gospel; and we hope, in some measure, partakers of the grace of it operating on our hearts. O may it operate more and more, that we may largely partake of thine holiness too; that we may come nearer and nearer in the temper of our minds to thee, O blessed God! Let our souls be melted in the furnace, if we may but thereby be made fit for being delivered into the mould of thy gospel, and bearing thy bright and amiable image for ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR A FAMILY.

When any Member of it is Sick; to be used either Morning or Evening.

Most great and glorious God; thou art the maker, and sovereign Lord of all! Thou killest and thou makest alive; thou woundest and thou healest; thou bringest down to the gates of the grave, and thou raisest up again! And thou dost according to thy will in the armies of heaven, and among all the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay thine hand, or say unto thee, "What doest thou?"

Yet righteous art thou in all thy ways, *holy in all thy* works, and good in all th

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and bless thy holy name.

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house been favoured with health a
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without any interposing cloud! Blessed be thy good and holy name, O Lord, for these constant, these never ceasing favours! We are less than the least of all the mercy and of all the truth thou hast caused to pass before us. And when we consider how unworthy our sins have rendered us of the least notice and regard from thee; when we consider how we have exposed ourselves, by our numberless transgressions, to thine anger, and all the dreadful effects of it, both in time and to eternity, we are amazed that we are yet alive. We are astonished that, instead of suffering so little as we have, we are not sinking under the weight of thine heavy indignation! The least mercy we receive from thee is more than we deserve, and the greatest affliction less! Blessed be thy condescending goodness and compassion, that thou hast opened the way for our relief, under every mortal trouble, by thus directing in thy word, "Is any man afflicted? let him pray!" To thee, O Father of mercies, do we direct our supplications at this time! O Lord, be not far from us when trouble is so near! In an entire submission to the determinations of thy wise and holy will, do we now earnestly pray for thy servant under *thine afflicting* hand, whose sickness fill

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And, O Lord, help us that are now in health to be preparing for sickness! Let not the youngest of us glory in our strength or vigour; but may we use our various talents in a course of well doing; that so, whenever thou shalt call any of us to our chambers and beds of sickness, we may not be affrighted at the summons. But may we then have those consolations which the world can neither give nor take away!

Now unto God, the only wise, be glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.

A FAMILY PRAYER.

For Resignation when any Member has been removed by death.

O thou Father of our Spirits, we would lay our hands on our mouths, and fall down now before thee, humbly to own thy sovereign right to dispose of us, and all we have and are, as thou pleasest; we are in thy hands as the clay in the hand of the potter. May our language be, "*It is the Lord, let him do what seemeth him good!*" "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, and blessed be the name of the Lord!" We desire to know wherefore the Lord *is contending* with us.

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lasting peace, before they are hid
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day well, that so our last day ma
best, and the day of our death bet
the day of our birth. Blessed are th
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shall find so doing!

Blessed be thy name, that in th
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gain to a lively hope, by the resurrection
f Jesus Christ from the dead, to an in-
ıeritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that
adeth not away, reserved in heaven for
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We believe in God, we believe also in
Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.
Through him we may hope, not only for
he complete happiness of our souls in an-
other world, but for the resurrection of
our bodies to glory, honour, and immor-
tality !

O that these consolations may be ours !
May we be sure of a title to them, by being
reconciled to God through his Son; that,
having our sins pardoned, and being crea-
ted anew in Christ Jesus, we may rejoice
together and comfort one another with
these blessed promises !

And now unto that glorious Lord, who
was dead and is alive again, and lives for
evermore, and has the keys of death ; who
died and rose again; and revived, that he
might be Lord both of the dead and of the
living; to him be honour and glory, sal-
vation, victory, triumph, and dominion
for ever and ever. Amen.

A Family Thanksgiving for the Recovery of a Sick Person.

Most merciful and gracious Lord God; thou art good, and thou doest good, and thy tender mercies are over all thy works: and this is the message which we have heard, which we have seen, and which we have particularly experienced, that God is love!

Blessed, for ever blessed be thy name, that, instead of being known to us by the judgments which thou mightest righteously execute upon us, thou art manifested to us as a God, willing to forgive all our iniquities; who healest all our diseases: who renewest our youth, and health, and vigour, and crownest us with constant loving kindness! Thou hast been better to us than our fears, and larger than our hopes and expectations!

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! O let us, in this family, give thanks unto the Lord; for we have abundant reason to say, he is good because his mercy endureth for ever. To him who alone doeth great wonders, for *his mercy* endureth for ever. To him who *hath remembered* us in our low estate, *his mercy* endureth for ever. The voi

rejoicing and salvation is now in our tabernacle. The right-hand of the Lord doeth mighty things. Thy right-hand, O Lord, is exalted! Thy servant, whom thou hast lately afflicted, shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord! The Lord hath chastened sore; but adored be his sparing mercy, he hath not delivered over unto death! The living, they shall praise thee, as thy restored servant does at this time; the parents to the children shall make known thy truth! Accept, O Lord, we beseech thee, the thanksgivings of thy servant in particular! Thou hast delivered his (or *her*) soul from death, his eyes from fears, and his feet from falling. O may he love the Lord, who has heard his voice and his supplications, and endeavour to walk more exactly before thee in the land of the living. May thy servant be enabled to go to thine house; and there may we be among the people that shall witness to the payment of his vows; and join with them in offering the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and calling upon the name of the Lord.

And may this instance of thy goodness and mercy, O heavenly Father, affect and influence all before thee in a proper manner. May we all learn more sensibly, that *our greatest* worldly good, our dearest *comforts,* are not in our own hands;

that we depend on God for them all! May we consider them as thy gifts, O Lord, that thou makest every earthly blessing to be to us what it is: and may we use and enjoy them all, as those who know the fashion of this world is passing away, and we ourselves with it!

O God, grant that from this late affliction in our family we may live more like persons who are not to live together always here; and so behave as that we may be better prepared for a breach in our family when God shall think fit to make it! And then, whichsoever of us is called away first, may he be ready to obey the summons; and though parted here, be joined to the noble family above! O may we all meet ther to be for ever with one another, a with the Lord.

That we may not be disappointed of comfortable a hope, may we henceforw be quickened to a more abounding gence in working that work for which hast sent us into the world. May we! by the mercies of God to fill up our sta and relations in our family better we have done. By this fresh mercy we be constrained to devote ourselv ing sacrifices, holy and acceptable God: that whether we live or die, be thine for ever. Amen.

A Family Prayer in prospect of a Journey.

Most blessed and everlasting God! thou art great, and of great power, and thine understanding is infinite! Thou, O Lord, hast searched and known us, thou understandest our thoughts afar off; thou compassest our path, and our lying down, and art acquainted with all our ways! Whither can we go from thy Spirit, O Lord? And whither shall we flee from thy presence? If we ascend up into heaven, thou art there! If we make our bed in the grave, behold thou art there! If we take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead us, and thy right-hand shall hold us! If we say, surely the darkness shall cover us, even the night shall be light about us; yea, the darkness hideth not from thee, the night shineth as the day, the darkness and the light are both alike to thee! Adored be thy name, O Lord, for the proof we have had of thy constant presence with us, from the constant, favourable, and gracious effects of it! From the beginning of our lives to this day hast thou been with us; in our lying down and rising; in all the business of every day, and *didst all the* terrors and darkness of ever

night: and in every place we have found thee nigh unto us, as our friend, our preserver, and benefactor!

We desire now solemnly to recommend ourselves to thy care and protection, for the journey we are designing to undertake. Being encouraged from our past experience of thy watchful providence, and comforted with the thought of thy universal presence, we commit our ways unto thee, O Lord; humbly acknowledging thee in them, and begging thou wouldest direct our paths! If thy presence go not with us, let us not go up from our habitation. But as we hope we are undertaking nothing unlawful in itself, nor unsuitable, we humbly pray, that we may be the objects of thy special care and protection! Direct our course for us, and be with us in the way in which we go. Keep us from every evil to which we are exposed; keep, we beseech thee, all our bones, that not one of them may be broken. Preserve to us our bodily health, and may the journey tend to the confirming and establishing of it.

Provide, we pray thee, for our bodily wants by the way; give us bread to eat, and raiment to put on. In every place where we shall go may we find favour, and

behave in a proper and becoming manner Keep us, we beseech thee, from all manner of sin. May we set thee, the Lord, always before us; that so we may never venture to be off our guard because we may be at a distance from those who used to observe, and take notice of our conduct at other times. May we preserve a sense of God and religion upon our minds, in all places and companies; and take every proper opportunity to perform the duties of religious worship. Particularly help us to maintain a constant regard to thy holy day as often as it shall return; and, instead of profaning it by unnecessary travelling or amusements, keep it holy to thee, the Lord! May we endeavour to do all the good we can wherever we go, and so leave a blessing and not a curse behind us. And do thou succeed and prosper whatever we lawfully undertake, and sanctify to us our diversions and recreations.

May our frequent removes from one place to another put us continually in mind of our unsettled state in this world. May we consider ourselves as pilgrims and strangers upon earth; as those who have here no continuing city, but are seeking one to come. O may we learn to reckon

our whole life is a journey towards that everlasting, unchangeable settlement! And may such a notice of life teach us the better to bear and struggle with the evils and trials of it, and to be more moderate in the enjoyment of the comforts of it: that so we may neither tire nor faint in our course, nor be at a fatal stand. Nor may we ever mistake our way; but hold on and hold out unto the end. And may we be guided through the whole by thy counsel and at last be received to thy glory.

Watch over our habitation, O Lord, we beseech thee, in our absence: may thine eye be upon it by night and by day; keep it safe from devouring flames, and from the attempts of wicked men. And, in thy due time, may we be returned in health, safety, and comfort, and find our tabernacle in peace!

To thee we recommend our friends and all our fellow creatures. Mercifully regard, we beseech thee, our nation and our public affairs! Bless all that are in authority over us, and may they become terrors to evil doers, and a praise to them that do well. Bless the Ministers of thy Gospel; and by their means may the word of the Lord have free course and be glorified.

Accept, we humbly pray thee, O thou good and gracious God, of these our acknowledgements of thy perfections and providence, and our repeated dedication of ourselves and all that belongs to us to thy care. Be thou our sun, and our shield; give us grace, and glory; and withhold no good thing from us! We ask all in the name, and through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Family Thanksgiving for a safe Return from a Journey.

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds! Thy righteousness is unmoveable as the great mountains, thy judgments are a great deep. O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.

We, who have experienced this thy kind preservation in our late journey, are now come, at the end of it, to bless and praise thy name! We bow ourselves in thanksgivings at thy footstool, O thou our Almighty Guardian, for all that care and protection wherewith thou hast befriended us, from the time we left our habitation to this comfortable return to it! We committed ourselves to thee by prayer

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good. And do thou, O Lord, by the influences of thy good Spirit, keep these things on our hearts continually; that we may never wickedly depart from thee, but be engaged thereby to run in the way of thy commandments with greater zeal and vigour!

Forgive, we earnestly beseech thee, all the sins we have committed since we left this place! Whatever has been amiss, mercifully pardon! If we have in any instances forgot ourselves, acted out of character, been off our guard, given into any faulty indulgences, or done any thing which we may have just reason to reproach ourselves for; O Lord, forgive us. We renew our repentance, and take refuge in the merciful provision of the Gospel covenant, ratified and confirmed in the blood of Jesus the great mediator. Forgive that we still so little love thee, who hast so wonderfully loved us; and that we are yet so fond of this vain and changing world, and no more raised in our desires after a better and everlasting state.

O shed abroad thy love in our hearts, that we may love thee with all our hearts, and with all our souls, and with all our strength! Enable us to seek the things *which are above*, and to set our affection

there, where Christ sitteth on the right-hand of God; that so, when Christ who is our life shall appear, we also may appear with him in glory!

And now, we are returned to our stated service and business in life again, do thou graciously bless and prosper us. Still keep us and our dwellings from all evil, and our affairs from perplexity and entanglement. May every one of us be excited by thy past goodness to go on more contentedly and cheerfully in the way of our duty! May we behave wisely and usefully while we live in the world; and may we, whenever our time comes, depart out of it with honour, and under the strongest influence of the hopes of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God!

Graciously, we beseech thee, regard all whom we ought to remember. Be with all those who are either on journeys by land, or voyages by sea, and need the same mercies of which thou hast lately made us partakers. Preserve them from every evil by the way, especially from the evil of sin; and bring them back, as thou hast brought us, to their houses and friends in safety, comfort, and joy. May all mankind partake, not only of the blessings of thy common providence, but of thy grace, by the

revelation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ among them.

Remember all our relatives and friends with thy special favour. And do for us and ours, and all thine, according to thine infinite wisdom and fatherly goodness. Forsake not, O God, the work of thine own hands, because thy mercy endureth for ever, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Now unto Him that is able to save and deliver us from every evil work, and to preserve us unto his heavenly kingdom: to Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

A Family Prayer for the close of an Old Year.

Praise belongeth unto thee, O Lord, and unto thee shall all flesh come. It was thou who didst in the beginning lay the foundation of the world; and the heavens are the work of thine hands! They shall perish, but thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed; but thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end! A thousand years, in thy sight, are but as yester

day when it is past, and as a watch in the night; and one day is with the Lord as a thousand years. In the multitude of thy mercies, O Lord, we are come, once more, to present our family worship at thy foot-stool. Having obtained help of thee, O God, we continue in life and health; and are, through thy blessing, preserved to see the close of another year.

But, above all, would we bless thee for thy kindness to our souls! We thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that we have been born in a Christian land; that we have the knowledge of the Gospel, and the means of obtaining salvation by Jesus Christ! We praise thee that our ears hear those glad tidings of life and eternal happiness revealed by thine own Son in our nature, which many prophets and kings and righteous men have desired to hear, but have not heard them: and that our eyes have seen those glorious things which they have desired to see, but have died without the sight.

We bless and magnify thee for the constant uninterupted enjoyment of family-blessings through the year. If we have had constant health, thanks be to him, and to him alone, who has been the health of our countenance and our God. Or if any

of us have been visited with affliction, yet blessed be God for the gentleness of his chastisements, for our recovery and restoration; and that we now appear together rejoicing in thy mercy and salvation.

We praise thee for continuing to us the comforts of life through the year, and keeping off those evils and calamities from us, by which other families have been most grievously distressed. And if in the year past thou hast blessed the labour of our hands and succeeded our affairs, we would remember that it is thou, O Lord, who givest wisdom to increase our store; that it is thou alone who makest whatsoever we do to prosper; and would give to thee the praise and glory.

We bless thee for preserving us by night and by day, and for taking care of us wherever we have gone; so that no evil has befallen us, no plague has come nigh our dwelling. Thine eye, O Lord, has constantly watched over us and ours from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

More especially would we bless thee for continuing to us the means of grace, and the ordinances of thy Gospel! That we have had the enjoyment of sabbaths and sacraments; that we have still line upon

line, and precept upon precept; and that thou art yet continuing the strivings of thy good Spirit with our hearts. These mercies are all owing to the riches of thy goodness and long-suffering; by which thou art sparing us in a state of trial, and giving us such abundant means for repentance and securing our eternal salvation.

Surely thy ways, O Lord, are not as our ways, nor are thy thoughts as our thoughts; else we had long ago been consumed! No; blessed be thy name, we are not consumed amidst all the dangers to which we are exposed, amidst our numberless repeated provocations, because thy compassions fail not.

How different has been *thy* conduct towards *us*, from *our's* towards *thee!* All thy ways, O Lord, have been goodness and mercy; all suited to win upon our hearts, to engage our affections to thee, and to fix us for thee. But *our* ways have been, in many instances, froward and perverse. Our wills have been ungovernable! our affections vain, wandering, and earthly; and our hearts and souls too much under the influence of sense. How often when thou hast called, have we refused to hearken! How often hast thou stretched out *thine* hand, and we have not regarded

[ow little gratitude have we returned for ıy constant and uninterrupted kindness! [ow little have the terrors of thy word, and ıe chastenings of thy rod, awed these ;ubborn hearts of ours to obedience!

When we have been for any consider-ble time without changes in our family r affairs, we have been too apt to forget ıee, and neglect that fear and reverence hich is thy due. And when, at other mes, we have been passing through vari-ıs changes, how apt have we been to ıurmur and repine, instead of submitting ı thy holy will with a proper and be-ɔming temper!

The best of us have abundant cause to ımble ourselves, that we are no better; ıat we come so very short of what thou ıightest justly expect from us! We have ;en trees planted by the rivers of water; that we had, in the expected seasons, 'ought forth fruit in some measure wor-ıy of him by whom we have been thus anted, and watered, and blessed with all ıiritual blessings, in heavenly things in hrist Jesus! But we have reason to be hamed of our unprofitableness and un-uitfulness, and that our goodness has so ten been no better than the morning ɔud, and the early dew that passet ıy.

Thou mightest justly have cut us do
in anger: but adored be thy name, we
let alone this year also! And for w
hast thou spared us, O Lord, but that
may repent of all we have done am
and resolve to amend our ways? We
unfeignedly repent of all our sins:
do take shame to ourselves for all
transgressions and provocations! We
heartily sorry, that so much of the p
year has been witness to so many repea
failings and follies, as well as (with reg
to some of us, it is to be feared,) grea
sins! And we see how our iniquities
aggravated by thy continued never-fail
bounty and goodness! We would co
and confess our sorrow and grief for
We would take with us words and t
unto thee, O Lord; and say, "If thou, L
shouldest be strict to mark iniquities
Lord, who can stand? for then in
sight no flesh living could be justifi
But there is forgiveness with thee, t
thou mayest be feared" and lov
Through Jesus Christ, the great ato
ment, we may hope to obtain the ren
sion of all our sins, and an interest in
favour. In his name we plead for pard
Lord, take away all iniquity from
receive us graciously, and love us fre

O let all our sins be blotted out, and may we not begin a new year under the weight of unpardoned guilt. But may we be washed, and sanctified, and justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

And now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer to be used at the beginning of a New Year.

O God of all grace, from whom cometh every good desire and every humble endeavour, grant that this new year we are entering upon, may witness to our greater reformation from every thing that is amiss in us; and our being more and more renewed in the spirit of our minds. May all old things be done away; and may we learn more heartily to approve and practice thy good, and holy, and acceptable will. It is our earnest desire to live better than we have done. It is our fixed resolution to amend our ways, wherein soever w

know we have done wrong.
prayer is to thee, O thou gracio
thine assistance, and the influen
Holy Spirit, to establish all our
poses, and render all our end
the practice of holiness successf
fectual. May thy grace be alw
cient for us, and thy strength m
fest in our weakness; that so w
enabled to be faithful unto dea
last obtain a crown of life.

And now, O Lord, to thee we
lemnly commend ourselves, a
mily, for the ensuing year. If
fit to spare us all through it, ma
mercy to every one of us. And i
holy will, we pray that we may b
another year. That if there sho
here who as yet have been quite
of the ground, they may at last b
some fruit; and that others
become more and more fruitf
glorify our Father who is in hea
would not desire life, merely for
of living in this world; but chie
an opportunity for honouring
God; for promoting the interests
deemer, and doing good to o
creatures. For these purposes
O Lord, that thou wouldest

And, O that we may not contradict su
desires and purposes by our after conduc
All our worldly concerns we commit
thy care; and beg, that we may pass tl
year in those circumstances which th
knowest to be best for us. If it be so, m
we have health, and the comforts of l
continued without any interruption. If n
prepare us for sickness, and every chan
through which thou shalt think proper
lead us. And if thou shalt think pro
for us to make our great change bef
this year shall end, may we be ready
it: and all the days of our appointed ti
may we be waiting till this most import
change shall come.

We desire to fix all our schemes, as
time, with an humble submission to
will. O Lord, so teach us to number
remaining few and evil days, that we n
apply our hearts unto wisdom! We pra
thee, O Lord, for *national* mercies the y
past, and humbly implore the continua
of them! We are, indeed, the land wh
thou, the Lord our God, hast cared for.
may we still be the object of thy care
kindness! Blessed be God for tempo
and spiritual mercies; for the health
plenty of our land; and for the con
ance of thy Gospel among us, after

past abuse of the riches of th
and forbearance and long-suff
we at last be reformed. Cont
to us our civil government
Queen and all the Royal Famil
succeed all her counsels for th
welfare and happiness of the
our poor be satisfied with bre
there be no just cause of co
our streets. May thy Gosp
tinue, and be more successful
of ministers and hearers.

And O that this may be the
year of the Lord to *those natio*
hitherto sat in darkness and in
of death. How long, O Lo
true, shall ignorance blind, an
superstition pervert the minds
able creatures! O that the ye
deemed may come! Hasten
time, we pray thee, when th
more hurt or destroy in al

and advocate, who ever lives to make i
tercession for us.

Now unto Him who is the blessed a
only Potentate, the King of kings, a
Lord of lords; who only hath immortali
dwelling in the light which no man ha
seen nor can see; to him be honour a
power everlasting! Amen.

HYMN

FOR THE NEW YEAR.

The Lord, our salvation and light,
  The guide and the strength of our days
Has brought us together to night,
  A new Ebenezer to raise.
The year we have now passed through,
  His goodness with blessings has crown
Each morning his mercies were new:
  Then let our thanksgivings abound.

Encompass'd with dangers and snares,
  Temptations, and fears, and complaint
His ear he inclin'd to our pray'rs;
  His hand open'd wide to our wants.
We never besought him in vain,
  When burden'd with sorrow or sin;
He help'd us again and again,
  Or where, before now, had we been

His Gospel throughout the long year,
  From Sabbath to Sabbath he gave;
How oft has he met with us here,
  And shewn himself mighty to save!
His candlestick has been remov'd
  From churches once privileg'd thus;
But though we unworthy have prov'd,
  It still is continued to us.

For so many mercies receiv'd,
  Alas! what returns have we made!
His Spirit we often have griev'd,
  And evil for good have repaid.
How well it becomes us to cry,
  Oh! who is a God like to thee!
Who passest iniquities by,
  And plungest them deep in the sea!

To Jesus, who sits on the throne,
  Our best hallelujahs we bring:
To thee it is owing alone,
  That we are permitted to sing.
Assist us, we pray, to lament
  The sins of the year that is past:
And grant that the next may be spent
  Far more to thy praise than the last.

A Prayer under Spiritual Decay.

Eternal and unchangeable Jehovah! thy perfections and thy glories are like thy being, immutable! Jesus, thy Son, is the

yesterday, to-day, and for ever. The
ıl world, to which we are hastening,
ays equally important. But, alas!
iews, and our affections, and our
esolutions are continually varying.
ıce, O Lord! whence this sad change
. we now experience in the frame
emper of our minds towards thee?
ıce this alienation of our souls from
Why cannot we come to thee with
e endearments of filial love, as we
ould? Why is thy service so remiss-
ended, if attended at all? And why
ıe exercises of it, which were once
reatest pleasure, become a burden to
Alas! Lord, whither are we fallen!
eye sees us still; but oh! unlike what
e saw us! Cold and insensible as we
re must blush at the reflection. Thou
us in secret; and seest us, perhaps,
amusing ourselves with trifles in
seasons which we used solemnly to
e to thine immediate service. Thou
us coming into thy presence as by
aint! and when we are before thee,
aitened in our spirit, that we hardly
what to say to thee; though thou art
od with whom we have to do; and
h *the keeping* up an humble and
l correspondence with thee, is beyond

all comparison the most important business of our lives. And even when we are speaking to thee, with how much coldness and formality is it! It is perhaps the work of the imagination, the labour of the lips; but where are those ardent desires, those intense breathings after God, which we once felt? Where is that pleasing repose in thee which we were once conscious of, as being near our divine rest, as being happy in that nearness, and resolving, if possible, we would no more be removed from it? But oh! how far are we now removed! When these short devotions are over, in what long intervals do we forget thee! Thou callest us to thine house, O Lord, on thine own day; but how heartless are our services there! We offer thee only an empty form. Our thoughts and affections are engrossed with other objects, while we draw near to thee with our mouth, and honour thee with our lips. Thou callest us to thy table; but our hearts are so frozen, that they hardly melt, even at the foot of the cross! Hardly feel any efficacy in the blood of Jesus! Is this, Lord, the service we once promised; and which thou hast such manifold reasons to expect? Are these the returns we are making for thy daily providential care, for the sacrifice of thy Son; for the con-

unications of thy Spirit; for the pardon
f our numberless aggravated sins; for
ie hopes of eternal glory? Lord, we are
shamed to kneel before thee! but pity us,
e beseech thee, and help us. "Our souls
leave unto the dust," and lay as in the
ust before thee: but, "O quicken us, ac-
ordding to thy word!" Let us trifle no
nger; for we are on the brink of a pre-
pice! O give us grace to turn our feet
nto thy testimonies. Search us, O Lord,
nd try us; go to the root of this dis-
emper which spreads itself over our souls;
nd recover us from it. So represent sin
nto us, O Lord, we pray thee, that we may
ee it with abhorrence: and represent the
ord Jesus Christ to us in such a light,
hat we may look upon him and mourn;
hat we may look upon him and love.
May we awake from our stupid lethargy
nto which we are sinking. And may Christ
ive us more abundant degrees of spiritual
fe and activity than we have ever yet
eceived. May we be so quickened and
nimated by him, that we may more than
ecover the ground we have lost. Send
own upon us, O Lord, in a more rich and
bundant effusion, thy good Spirit: may
e dwell in us as a temple which he has
nsecrated to himself: and may the jo
the Lord be our strength. Amen.

A repenting Youth at P

O most just and holy, most g
merciful Lord God, I am a w
done sinner, and had been und
if thou hadst not pulled me as
of the fire. I have been sinni
ly, practising almost every y
I have broken through the
principle and education, forced
stifled conviction, and harden
against reproof. I have stop
against thy word slighted an

arms of grace extended to receive me. I see a fountain opened to wash me. I see the blood of Christ shed to take away my sin. It has been trampled on, and despised; but now I prize it above all the world, I plead it as my atonement; I have no other plea but my Saviour's merits and thy mercy. Thou hast sent him to be my Saviour. Save me, O my God, through him, by the virtue of his blood; by the efficacy of his Spirit; by the power of his word. Save me, O God, or I am lost for ever. I review my life with horror. I repent in dust and ashes. I have done foolishly a thousand times, and forgotten thee days without number; but I hope thou hast changed me, and formed me anew; and that I am not the creature I once was. I am ashamed; yea, even confounded, when I look back. But with thee is plenteous pardon! Pardon my transgressions, for they are great. Let a repenting sinner live. I purpose, by thy grace, to offend no more. O God, create my heart anew; repair thine image in me; put thy Holy Spirit within me; and make me thine adopted child.

I have been a lover of the world, and of sinful pleasures more than of God; have *indulged my* body, but neglected an

starved my soul: this is my folly anc
shame. But I return to thee thr
Christ. I cast myself upon thy gı
Here I am at thy feet; cast me not a
for ever. I cannot endure the thoug
everlasting banishment from thy prese
And as I am resolved to be thine, ar
serve thee through the remainder of
life, I pray thee to confirm these res
tions, that I may indeed be thine,
child, and thy servant for ever; an
last find a place in heaven, through J
Christ, the lamb that was slain; wl
worthy to receive power, and riches,
wisdom, and strength, and honour,
glory, and blessing, for ever and
Amen.

HYMN.

Seeking God.

My God permit my tongue
  This joy to call thee mine;
And let my early cries prevail
  To taste thy love divine.

My thirsty fainting soul
  Thy mercy doth implore;
Not travellers in desert lands
  Can pant for water more.

Within thy churches, Lord,
  I long to find my place;
Thy pow'r and glory to behold,
  And feel thy quick'ning grace.

For life without thy love
  No relish can afford;
No joy can be compar'd with this,
  To serve and please the Lord.

To thee I'll lift my hands,
  And praise thee while I live;
Not all the dainties of a feast
  Such food or pleasure give.

In wakeful hours of night
  I call my God to mind;
I think how wise thy counsels are,
  And all thy dealings kind.

Since thou hast been my help,
  To thee my spirit flies;
And on thy watchful providence
  My cheerful hope relies.

The shadow of thy wings
  My soul in safety keeps;
I follow where my Father leads,
  And he supports my steps.

A pious Youth seeking after God and rejoicing in him.

O most high and holy God! I have sought thee and have found thee. Awhile ago I knew thee not, though thou wast ever near me. But thy grace has abounded towards me: thou hast opened mine eyes, and I see thee: I see thine infinite perfections drawn upon all thy works of wonder. When I lift up my eyes, and consider the heavens, I own them to be the works of thy hand; and wonder that the Builder and Inhabiter of those glorious worlds should look down upon man, and visit such worms as we are. The sun, moon, and stars, are all created by thee. I see thy glory in them all, and the glory of thy Son Jesus Christ, by whom thou madest the world. Every day and every night they speak thy praise, and tell the world there is a God. And while the heavens declare thy glory, and the firmament thy handy works, how can I forbear to worship and adore thee their great Creator?

Thou, O Almighty God! hangest the earth upon nothing; balancest the clouds; bringest the wind out of thy treasuries.

hunderest marvellously with thy voice: and thou causest the sea to know its bounds. I admire, I adore the God of nature and providence, whose hand doth all these things, and who fainteth not, neither is weary. O Lord, how manifold are thy works, all made in wisdom: and where can I go where thou art not?

I adore and tremble at thy holiness and purity, who "chargest thine angels with folly; and in whose sight the heavens are not clean." I admire and adore thine infinite goodness, the earth is full of it. But what mind can conceive, what tongue can tell, the wonders of thy love in giving thy beloved Son to save a perishing world! O the height and depth of this love! How many thousand sinners have been pardoned through Christ, and yet pardoning grace is still offered! How long does divine pity wait over sinners! How long hast thou had patience with me!

At length I come; I come worshipping at thy footstool, admiring the riches of thy grace in Christ; admiring that goodness which offers me a thousand blessings by the Gospel, and which has laid up more for me than can enter into my heart to conceive. *Accept*, O God, accept thine own *creature*, lying prostrate before thee

make me one more instance
and saving grace, that I m
thy praises in thy earthly
may go, ere long, to sing
thy temple above, through
now risen and interceding S

HYMN.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT YOUNG P
SEEK CHRIST.

Ye hearts with youthful vig
In smiling crowds draw n
And turn from every mortal
A Saviour's voice to hear.

He, Lord of all the worlds
Stoops to converse with
And lays his radiant glories
Your friendship to pursue

"The soul that longs to see
"Is sure my love to gain
"And those that early seek
"Shall never seek in vai

What object, Lord, my soul
If once compar'd with th
What beauty should comm
Like what in Christ I s

way, ye false delusive toys,
Vain tempers of the mind!
'is here I fix my lasting choice,
For here true bliss I find.

Child's Prayer to the good Shepherd.

:ssed Jesus, I, a poor weak, tender
ure, come to thee: but it was in re-
to such weakness that thou hast been
ed to speak so graciously. I believe
I have heard, and I mean to venture
oul upon it. I flee to thee as the
ess lamb to its shepherd, when hun-
that he may feed it; when pursued
'ild beasts, that he may defend it.
, open thine arms and thy bosom to
:hough I am so inconsiderable a crea-
, out of the mouths of babes and
ings thou ordainest praise. Fill my
; with love, and my mouth with thy
e, and lead me on, till I may come to
e thee amongst the holy angels in
en, and serve thee as they do, for
Amen.

O Lord God! I am a poor
ful child, but thou art my hea
and I hope, through Christ J
conciled God and Father. I
thee, and I am grieved and s
that I have ever left thee.
astray from thee like a lost
now come to thee. Accep
child; take me, O Father, i
of thy mercy; and may thy
who took children in his arm
the arms of his love and bl
thy Spirit renew my sinful
in me a clean heart, and r
spirit within me; take aw
and give me a soft, a tender
to mourn for sin, and to be
fending thee; a heart to lov
love all thy children. Del
all the snares of the devil, fro
pany, from a lying tongue,
own wilful and obstinate tem
a Father to me in the dear
teach me, to guide me, to pr
Teach me to love thee, to pra
to serve thee here; and p
dwell with thee for ever in
*king*dom, for Jesus' sake.

ie ye followers of God as dear Children.'

avenly Father, am I thy child?
ı me how to follow thee. Teach
llow thee as dear children should f
a Father whom they love; a Fatl
n they fear; a Father whom tl
ıt to obey in all things! Lord, wl
dest thou have me to do? I kn
own word says, "Be ye holy for I
." I am thy child, for thou mad
and by thee I live, and move, a
my being. But I cannot be thy d
l if I am not holy. I know thou ca
ook upon sin. I know and feel th
inclinations to that which is evil; a
ve too much followed them with
will, contrary to thy holy will a
mandments. I know that thou lov
ı in the inner man, in the heart. I
ve often tried to deceive others; a
l to make them believe what is
. I have often tried to deceive mys
ıve seen others bad; and I thou
I was not worse than they were, a
I should do as well as they did.
rebellious and stubborn, and disob
o my earthly parents; how then

A Mother's Prayer for her

Most glorious and eternal
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Fat
and angels, Father of mercies,
all comforts; thou hast promi
Father to a thousand generati
that love and fear thee. Be
and a Father to me, and the chi
thou hast given me. Enable
to bring them up in the nurtu
monition of the Lord, and in
God, to the praise of thy hol

lging them in their follies, never con-
ing at any unworthy action: and that
my children may be thine, O preserve
em in thy favour. If thou pleasest, let
em live to a full age; but above all, se-
re to them a full measure of piety and
liness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
To this end, give them grace to obey
eir parents, that doing their duty they
y receive the promise: preserve them
m sin and shame, from youthful follies,
d youthful crimes: and sanctify them
oughout in their bodies, and souls, and
rits, that their thoughts may be pure
d holy; not displeasing to the eye of
m who is the searcher of hearts. Let
eir words be true, prudent, and ingenu-
s, seasoned with grace, and apt to
nister grace unto the hearers, Let all
eir actions in their whole life be such as
come the servants of Jesus, holy and
eful, that they may not be burdens to
e public, or to their family; but pleasing
e, and doing good to others, they may
rease in the love of God, and in favour
h men, and may have the portion of
e meek and humble in this world, and of
e pure and merciful in the world to
ne, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
men.

Prayer of Parents for their Children.

O God! thou art our God, and we will seek thee; our father's God, and we will exalt thee! and we beseech thee to be our children's God. Save them from sin, and satan, and this evil world. Save them from the vanity of childhood and youth: incline their hearts to holiness, and give them the wisdom which is from above. Pour thy Spirit upon our seed, and thy blessing upon our offspring; that they may be a seed to serve thee, which shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.

Teach and enable us to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and to instruct and guide, reprove and exhort them in the meekness of wisdom, as those who travel in birth again to see Christ formed in their souls. Let none of our's come short of eternal life, or be found on Christ's left-hand at the great day. Let it be the joy of our hearts to see them walking in the truth, and setting their faces heaven-ward.

We ask not for them great things belonging to this world. So far as shall be for their spiritual and eternal good, favour them with health and safety, give

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and eternity.

e thee to remove any of
death, while they are
humbly submissive and
nly persuaded that all is
e they are young, thou
ve us from them, be thou
er to them than we were
ng; for in thee the fatherless
y. And, when we are gone to
in heaven, let our dear chil-
raising thee on earth; and be
to themselves, but to him that
hem and rose again.

thou knowest our care and con-
d we desire to cast it upon thee.
rious godliness in our family make
welling a house of God, and a nursery
hrist and glory. Let our children do
e and better service for thee in their
, than we have done in ours. And before
e tribunal of Christ may we joyfully say,
ere are we, and the children thou gavest
." Grant us this rich grace, for the sake
thy dear and only begotten Son, to
om, with thee, O Father, and the Holy
rit, be the kingdom, power, and glory,
ever. Amen.

The Poor Man's Prayer.

O thou Father of all! who hast graciously promised to deliver "the needy when he crieth, the poor also, and him that hath no helper;" we had fainted, unless we had believed in thy goodness! We have been brought low, and thou hast helped us: at thy hand we have received our daily bread. And though sometimes our cup of earthly good has been almost dry; yet thou hast again supplied it, and again encouraged us to trust in thee! Hast thou said, the very hairs of our head are all numbered; and may we not cast our care upon him who thus careth for us! Thou, Lord, hast never forsaken them that trust in thee! But, O our God, we thank thee, that though poor as to this world's good, we may be rich in faith, and heirs of heaven. We thank thee for that bread which cometh down from heaven—that bread which is the life of the world, and the life of our souls; we would feed upon it till our souls are nourished unto eternal life! We will not complain while we see him who was rich for our sake become poor. Blessed Jesus! how highly hast thou honoured the poor; and how greatly

t thou favoured them with the glad
ngs of thy gospel! Blessed poverty,
t makes us poor in spirit, and heirs of
kingdom! Having nothing, we may
n possess all things.

Iay we be thy humble followers in hu-
ity and poverty of spirit, be conformed
thine image, and made meet for that
ld where sorrow and sighing shall flee
ay, where all tears shall be wiped away
m our eyes; and where we shall be
de kings and priests unto our God for
r! Amen.

HYMN.

Though troubles assail,
And dangers affright;
Though friends should all fail,
And foes all unite:
Yet one thing secures us,
Whatever betide;
The Scripture assures us,
"The Lord will provide."

The birds without barn
Or storehouse are fed;
From them let us learn
To trust for our bread.

His saints what is fitting
  Shall ne'er be deny'd,
So long as 'tis written
  "The Lord will provide."

We may, like the ships,
  By tempests be tost
On perilous deeps;
  But cannot be lost.
Though Satan enrages
  The wind and the tide;
The promise engages,
  "The Lord will provide,"

His call we obey,
  Like Abraham of old,
Not knowing our way;
  But faith makes us bold.
For, though we are strangers,
  We have a good guide;
And trust in all dangers,
  "The Lord will provide."

When Satan appears
  To stop up our path
And fill us with fears,
  We triumph by faith.
He cannot take from us,
  Though oft he has try'd,
This heart-cheering promise,
  "The Lord will provide."

He tells us we're weak,
  Our hope is in vain;
The good that we seek
  We ne'er shall obtain.
But when such suggestions
  Our spirits have tried,
This answers all questions,
  "The Lord will provide."

No strength of our own,
  Or goodness we claim:
Yet since we have known
  The Saviour's great name;
In this our strong tower
  For safety we hide;
The Lord is our power,
  "The Lord will provide."

When life sinks apace,
  And death is in view;
This word of his grace
  Shall comfort us through.
No fearing or doubting
  With Christ on our side;
We hope to die shouting,
  "The Lord will provide."

PRAYER

For the Lord's Day Morning.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! thou art glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders. What wonders of goodness and mercy hast thou done for us unworthy and sinful creatures from our earliest existence up to the present hour! Though we have misimproved so many precious seasons of grace; yet hast thou most mercifully brought us to behold another of the days of the Son of man. O may the day star from on high visit our souls, and the sun of righteousness arise upon us with healing in his wings. Help us on this day, the Lord's day, the type of that glorious rest which remaineth for the people of God, to rejoice and be exceeding glad. Help us so to remember the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, that our hearts may ascend to the throne of his glory. O Lord, make this day a sabbath to our souls; a day of spiritual improvement, of heavenly consolation, and near communion with thee. Banish from our minds every vain and worldly thought; and may we begin and spend it

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nd faithful to the souls entrusted to
arge. May they be mighty through
convince the unconvinced, to con-
unconverted, to heal them that
contrite heart, and to build up
s in their most holy faith. Espe-
less thy truth to our own souls.
our consciences may this day be
ed, our understanding enlightened.
s *bowed to the* obedience of faith
ctions fixed on heavenly things.

INSTRUCTIONS

FOR SELF-EXAMINATION.

Marks of Growth in Grace.

My Friends,

If there is a living principle of grac
your souls, it will be growing, and
growth will evidence your spiritual
And would you not have some evid
that you are indeed alive; united to J
Christ as your living head, having
Spirit dwelling in you as a vital princ
that you are such as he will pres
from eternal death, and make happ
eternal life? Of what importance is
examine whether you are growing or
Ask yourselves seriously, am I growin
grace or not? Does grace enter fu
into my soul, refine and spiritualize
Have I more light, more faith, more
more humility, better dispositions to

'vice of God, and self-denial? Am I more
ınkful, more watchful, more careful and
igent in every duty? Does my growth
tend to the several kinds of graces? Is
ıce more strong and powerful? Are the
ercises of it easy, regular, and constant?
ıd do I find the fruits of it more emi-
ntly appearing both in heart and life?
:t me intreat you to dwell upon each of
ɜse particulars.

l. Grace is growing when it spreads it-
.f wider in the soul; that is, when each
:ulty becomes more spiritual and refined;
ıen grace penetrates further into it;
ıen the whole mind is more subject to
ɜ Gospel of Christ, and under its influ-
ce; when divine light is brighter in the
derstanding, and the will is become more
'ing and obedient to God; when the soul
more powerfully drawn by the great mo-
'es and encouragements of the Gospel;
ıen it is more affected with the displays
the authority of God, and the grace of
Saviour, and more powerfully bowed to
e Redeemer's demands; when divine
ings take faster hold of the soul, and
mmand it more; when the mind is be-
me seasoned with the great principles of
e Gospel; when it is moulded into the
'y image of God as the wax is to the ser

2. We may be said to grow in grace when we are growing in the several kinds of grace. The beginning of the divine life in the soul, is like the kindling of a spark of fire which grows up into a flame. And when there is an increase of one and the other, or of every kind of grace, then the soul may be said to grow. When it has not only common but special grace, then there is not only light and knowledge, but faith also; nor yet faith only, but a holy life. And when there is added to this, a flaming love; when the soul is melted into godly sorrow; when it is led to exercise itself in mortification and self-denial; and to cleanse itself from all filthiness both of flesh and spirit: and when it rises from holiness to comfort and joy in believing.

3. The soul grows when it becomes more strong and powerful in any particular grace. The more we grow in grace, the more will the force and efficacy of it be felt, and the actings of it will be more successful in reaching their end, either in mortifying sin, or in furnishing us for duty. We grow in knowledge and light, when the great mysteries of the gospel shine more visibly in the life, and become more fruitful in forming us to faith, and love,

and meekness, and holiness of conversation. The more we purify our souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit, the more we grow in grace. So when our affections become answerable to the steadiness and vigour of our faith; when great difficulties do not lead us to distrust and anxiety, as little ones did before; but we can trust God in the greatest that befall us. They grow who once struggled with passion and appetite, and were easily led away by them, but can now overcome them; whose good desires rise into holy endeavours; whose good thoughts ripen into holy words and actions: whose knowledge is more clear and certain, more powerful and experimental; whose love is more fervent, steady, and pure; and whose repentance flows not only from a sense of wrath and fear of hell, but from a love of God and hatred of sin.

4. When the exercise of grace becomes more easy and pleasant to us than it was before. When the several graces of the Spirit are ready to be called out to exercise, and move like oiled wheels upon the first attempt to set them in motion. That soul is in a growing state that is ready to attend duty upon short warning, and with *every grace engaged*; that can pray, w

read in a spiritual frame, deny itself, act faith in the promises, renounce the devil and the flesh, forgive injuries, and do acts of charity with readiness and pleasure. Some persons find their minds lie a great way off, and averse from spiritual and holy exercises, they must argue with themselves a great while before they can prevail. The christian has frequently hard work to do. He must chide himself again and again before his backward spirit will comply. On the other hand, when spiritual work is become natural and easy to the soul, there is undoubtedly improvement and growth in grace. There may be growth indeed where there is some difficulty in getting the heart into a spiritual frame; but then that grace cannot be so remarkable; though the existence of it cannot be denied, yet the strength and vigour of it must. This is an evidence that grace is weak, though it may be true. We may be said to grow in grace, when we are more steady, constant, and regular in the exercise of it; and are still reaching forward to the greatest perfection.

5. The soul is growing when the fruits of grace appear eminently upon it. The tree that bears good fruit certainly grows. "God is able," says the Apostle, "to

ake all grace abound towards you, that
: always having sufficiency in all things
ay abound to every good work." When
ristians are called out to any special
ity or service, they shew they had their
:arts fitted for that service, by a readiness
: engage in it, and a skilful performance
' it to the glory of God. This is a glori-
is sufficiency. When an earthly mind
:comes heavenly, and a vain mind be-
mes serious; when a narrow spirit be-
mes generous; and one that was slothful
id inactive in the service of God, becomes
ne of excellent usefulness, full of good
orks, and brings forth fruit; this is growth
: grace. In any or all of these instances
iere may be growth.

6. Enquire whether you grow in humble
id mean thoughts of yourselves. To these
od has made the promise, that he will
ive more grace: "he resisteth the proud,
ut giveth grace unto the humble." Hum-
ling yourselves is the way to be exalted,
oth in grace and in the divine favour.
'he tree that shoots its roots furthest
ownwards, rises highest upward with its
ranches, and stands the fastest with all
:s height. They who have stood fast in
he rank of God's worthies, have com-
monly had the least and lowest thoughts

of themselves. "I count n
have apprehended," was th
that eminent apostle St. Pa
though I had already attain
already perfect:" and in ot
confesseth, that he was less
of all saints, and the chief
am not worthy of the least o
cies, and of all the truth wh
showed unto thy servant. F
rising to grace; there is an
to make the soul grow, beca
God in Christ, under a sens
weakness, and makes it war
at a throne of grace for relic

7. Do you grow in a love,
the blessed Jesus? This wi
cellent symptom of growth!
got to a noble height, when
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of the knowledge of Christ Je
He who has been most solicit
and taken most pains in du
the highest value for Christ.
much imperfection in every g
defects in every service he p
he will acknowledge he must
is not justified by a better r
if he has not an all-sufficient

Lastly; do your desires a

grace increase? and are you more dili
in your endeavours after it? Our per
tion on earth lies in desire; I mean in
borious endeavouring desire; not in sl
ful lazy wishes. Desires, indeed, are v
the good man talks of more than any tl
else; but lest you should flatter you
into any dangerous mistake, observe w
ther your desires are active, and put
upon the greatest diligence and labou
the way that God hath prescribed. It
remarkable, and an affecting expression
great man, "Hell is paved with lazy wisl
The wise man says, the desire of the sl
ful killeth him; his desires must be
etual torment to him, because he will
e at the pains to give them satisfact
The diligent hand maketh rich, both
emporals and spirituals. There is
rowth to be expected without pa
ough while we labour we must own
ccess of all depends upon the di
lessing. *Endeavours belong to us* by G
pointment, and *success* belongs *to*
Forgetting, therefore, the things that
hind, let us press forward; pressing
ards the mark for the prize of the l
alling of God, in Christ Jesus."

Symptoms of declining in Grace.

1. You are declining in grace when you grow bolder with sin, or with the occasions of it, or temptations to it, than you were in your more watchful state.

2. When you make a small matter of those inward corruptions and infirmities which once seemed grievous to you, and almost intolerable.

3. When you settle in a course of religion that costs you little labour, and leave out the hard and costly part; and seem to be very religious in the rest.

4. When you grow strange to God and Christ, and have little converse with him in the Spirit; and your thoughts of him are few, and cold, and lifeless; and your religion consists in conversing with good men, and good books, and outward duties.

5. When you are careless about heart-work; and find but little to do with your hearts from day to day in trying them, or watching them, or stirring them up, or mortifying their corruptions: but your business in religion is most abroad, and in outward exercises.

6. Though your own hearts and duties must have much of your thoughts, you are

n the losing hand, if the wonders of ove and grace in Christ have not more f your thoughts and of your devout affections.

7. All is not well with you when spiritual elps and advantages are less relished and alued, and you grow more indifferent to he sermons, prayers, and ordinances which nce you could not live without; when ou use them but as bare duties, for neessity, and not as means, with any great ope of benefit and success.

8. When you regard too much the eye f man, and too little the eye of God: and re more attentive to the words and outide of your prayers, than the secret and nward part of them; and dress yourselves ccurately when you appear abroad, but t home wear the sordid garb of a cold nd careless heart and life.

9. When you grow hottest about some ontroverted smaller matters in religion, r studious of the interest of some private pinion, or party, which you have chosen, nore than of the interest of the common ruths and cause of Christ; more unchaitable and censorious to brethren that iffer from you, and less tender of the ames and welfare of others; and love not

your neighbour as yourselves, and do not as you would be done by.

10. When the renewing of your repentance is grown a lifeless, cursory work. When in preparation for the Lord's day, or sacrament, or other duties, you call yourselves to no serious account, and grow slight in self-examination; and are contented in the daily use of ordinances, though you find no profit, or increase in grace, or communion with God.

11. When sense and appetite, and fleshly pleasures are grown more powerful; and when you are more proud and impatient, and less able to bear disesteem, and slighting and injuries from men, or poverty, or sufferings for Christ; and make a greater matter of your crosses and wrongs, than becomes one that is dead to the flesh and the world.

Lastly; when the hopes of heaven, and the love of God, cannot content you; but you are thirsting after some worldly contentment, and grow eager in your desire and the world grows more sweet to you when you had rather dwell on earth than in heaven; and are more unwilling to think of death, or to prepare for it, or *expect* it, and are less in love with the coming of Christ; and are ready to say

sinful life in the flesh, it is good to be here. All these are signs of a declining state, though yet you are not come to apostacy.

Advice to doubting Christians.

Judge not of your hearts and evidences, upon every sudden glance of feeling; but upon a sober, deliberate examination: and let your skill and diligence be much greater to get grace, and use it, and increase it, than to try whether you have it or not. There is no such safe way to be certain that you have grace, as to get so much as will be easily discerned, and will shew itself. When you have a strong faith, you will easily be sure that you believe; when you have a fervent love to Christ, and holiness, you will easily be assured that you love them: when you strongly hate sin, and live in universal constant obedience, you will easily discern your repentance and obedience. Weak grace will have but weak assurance, and little consolation.

Set yourselves, with all your skill and diligence, to destroy every sin of heart and life; and make it your principal care and business to do your duty, and pleas

God, and do all the good you can in the world; and trust God with your souls, as long as you wait upon him in his way. If you live in wilful sin and negligence; if you cherish your sensual fleshly lusts, and set your hearts too eagerly on the world; if you indulge the passions of envy, pride, or uncharitableness, or live in the neglect of duty to God or man, and make no conscience of a true reformation; it is not any inquiries after signs of grace that will help you to assurance. You may complain long enough before you have ease while such a thorn is in your foot. Conscience must be better used before it speaks a word of sound well-grounded peace. But when you set yourselves, with all your care and skill to do your duty, and please your Lord, he will not let you labour in vain; he will take care of your peace and comfort, while you take care of your duty; and in this way you may safely trust him.

Compassionate Address to the fearful and dejected Christian.

My dear fellow Christians, whose souls are taken up with the anxious thoughts of attaining to, and preserving your peace

ith God; who are vile in your own eyes, nd value the blood, and Spirit, and word f your Redeemer, and the hope of heaven, efore all the vanities of the world; and esolve to give up yourselves to his conuct, who is become the author of eternal alvation to all those that obey him: your ierciful and heavenly Father has, by his eloved Son, sent you this joyful message, hat God is love; that like as a father pities is own children, so the Lord pities you. Ie commands us by his word to tell you, hat he takes notice of your sorrows; he ands by, when you see him not, and are ady to think he has forsaken you: he inds you with the greatest tenderness ien you say he has forgotten you; he mbereth your sighs; he bottles up your rs; he takes it unkind that you are so picious of him; and that all that he h done for you in the work of redemp-, and all the gracious workings of his it on your souls, and all your own exence of his goodness, can raise you to igher a sense of his love.

you not see, and hear, and taste his y and love? Do you live wholly upon d yet doubt of it? God takes not this But yet he knows your frame, and *ibers* that you are dust: he knows

that the flesh will war against the S
he knows that sin will breed sorrow
fears; and that man's understandi
narrow, and that all his conceptions
are extremely low: that we are so fa
God as creatures, and so much f
from him as sinners, that we shall
times draw back and look at God af
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Father, that you should always keep
distance of a servant, or a slave; he
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cry, Abba, Father. To win your l
you are told, "That God so love
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that whosoever believeth in him
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Hear the gracious invitations of this
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you rest." And is not this gracious
tion addressed to all? And are y
cluded? Are not you the weary and
laden? Here, is that rest and peace
which you want. Remember, wh
are upon your knees, that your he
Father stands by beseeching you to
of what you are beseeching him to
Do you wish for pardon, life, and
tion? You have only to receive

:ospel way. Are you distressed with fears nd troubles, and uncertain whether Christ nd salvation is yours? Suppose you have ever accepted of Christ, nor given up ourselves to him: but is he not now ready o accept you? "Now is the accepted ime: now is the day of salvation!" Beold he stands at the door and knocks! nd will you not receive him with all his aving and sanctifying blessings? Come hen boldly to a throne of grace, that you ıay "obtain mercy, and find grace to help n every time of need."

Is it not a comfort to your dejected spiits to reflect that your gracious High 'riest was tempted like as you are, and is ouched with the feeling of your infirmities. Ie will not break the bruised reed. Oh, if ı poor bruised wounded soul had but heard hese words from his Saviour's mouth: ' The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor: he hath sent me to ıeal the broken-hearted: to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised; to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." What heart-meltings would it have caused, what love would it *have raised!* You would surely then hav

believed that the Lord is indeed gracious! Let the soul who is doubting of God's love read the character of his heavenly Father in the story of the returning prodigal, and let him feel what that poor penitent felt, when he found himself in the arms of his compassionate father. The soul that felt this, would never sure have such hard and doubtful thoughts of God! Read the words of him who is high and holy; who inhabiteth eternity, and who dwells in the high and holy place; with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. Away then with every suspicious thought of God's love! Let his praise dwell upon your lips; the actings of love, and thanks, and joy, will help you to comfort, in a nearer way than arguments and self-examination, even in a way of feeling! Even as the fire maketh you warm, the exercising these sweeter graces will habituate your souls to it, and in time wear out the sad and gloomy impression you now feel; and in the multitude of such thoughts you may hope, that the comforts of God will delight your soul

A Christian indeed, is one whose re-
tance has been deep, and serious, and
ersal; it has gone to the very root of
; and has not left behind any reigning
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does he only repent of his open sins;
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does not secretly cherish any sin as too
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n, or overlook it as a small inconsider-
matter: but he feels sin to be his
my and his disease; and desires not
sin to be spared in his soul: but says

with David, "Search me O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!" "He is blameless, and harmless, as a Son of God, without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom he shines as a light in the world." The fear and love, and obedience of God, is the work and tenor of his life.

2. A Christian indeed, is one, that is so sensible of his lost condition, unworthiness, and utter insufficiency for himself; and so highly prizes the offices, perfection, and sufficiency of Christ; that he has absolutely put his soul and all his hopes into the hands of this Almighty Saviour; and now lives in him, as having no life but what he has from Christ, nor any other way of access to God, or acceptance with him; in him he beholds and delightfully admires the love and goodness of his Father; and through him has access with boldness to a reconciled God. Christ now dwells in his heart by faith, and being rooted and grounded in love, he "apprehendeth, with all saints, what is the breadth and depth and height of the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge!" He feels that he is

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ıe faith of the Son of God who loved
and gave himself for him.

A Christian indeed, is one that makes
and heaven the end, the reward, and
motive of his life. The interests of
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never to part with Christ and heaven. He knows that it is impossible to be a loser by God, or to purchase heaven at too dear a rate. He knows that whatsoever it cost him, heaven will fully pay for all. He knows that even our duty is not our smallest privilege and mercy: but that the more we do for God, the more we receive, and the greater is our gain and honour. He is not one that desires the end without the means: he complains of his backwardness to obey, but never complains of the strictness of the command. He loves the holiness, justice, and goodness of the law, while he bewails the unholiness and badness of his heart. He does not desire God to command him less, but desires grace and ability to do more.

4. A Christian indeed, is one that daily delights himself in God, and finds more solid pleasure in his commands and promises than all this world can give him. Religion is not a tiresome task to him; the yoke of Christ is easy to him, and his burden light. That which others perform from mere necessity, against their will, he goes to with delight. He prays because he loves to pray; and thinks and speaks of holy things, because he takes pleasure in them. If it is a delight to men to converse

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ristian delights to read the Gospel mys-
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buried seed, or principle. They that have a good degree of grace, and keep it in lively exercise, are not so much troubled with doubts of its sincerity, as the weak and languid christian. They blot not their evidence by so many infirmities and falls: they are more in the light, and have more acquaintance with themselves, and more sense of the abundant love of God. They have more of the spirit of adoption, and can call him Father, with greater freedom and comfort.

5. A Christian indeed, is grounded in humility. He is so well acquainted with his manifold imperfections, and daily failings, and great unworthiness, that he is very low and vile in his own eyes, and therefore can easily endure to be low and vile in the eyes of others. He even abhors himself when he finds the perverseness of his heart to God, and how little he knows of him, and how little he loves him in comparison of what he ought: and how little of heaven is upon his heart; and how backward his thoughts are to the life to come. These are as fetters upon his soul. He groans under them as a captive, and *longs* for the day of his deliverance. He *sees* in himself so much darkness, imperfection, and want of further grace, that he

s often a burden to himself. O could he ut know and love God more; and be more n heaven, and more willing to die, how asily could he bear all crosses and injuies, and be content with any state on arth. He is much more fearful of doing rrong than of receiving wrong. He falls ut with himself more frequently than rith others. He believes himself to be is greatest enemy, and knows that his langer is most at home. He is more areful of his duty to his prince, his paents, his master, his pastor, than of heirs towards him; because he knows that in is worse than present suffering; and t is better to be injured than to injure thers.

6. A Christian indeed, is more in getting nd using his graces, than enquiring wheher he has them. He is very desirous to e assured that he is sincere, but he is nore desirous to be so: and he knows hat even assurance is gained more by the xercise and increase of grace, than by are enquiry, whether we have it already. Not that he is a neglecter of self-examiation, but he oftener asks, what shall I o to be saved? than how shall I know hat *I shall be* saved?

7. A Christian indeed, studies duty mo

than events. He looks to *his own* part more than God's, knowing that *he* is likely to fail; but that *God* will never fail of *his* part. And when any thing goes amiss, he blames himself, and not God's providence. He knows that the hairs of his head are numbered, and that his Father knows what he needs; and that God is infinitely wiser and fitter to dispose of him than he is to choose for himself: and, therefore, he thankfully accepts that easy, indulgent command, "Cast all your care on him for he careth for you."

8. A Christian indeed, is one that highly values time: he knows how much work he has to do; that he has a soul to save or lose; a heaven to win; a hell to escape; a death and judgment to prepare for; many a sin to mortify, and many graces to exercise and increase, and many enemies and temptations to overcome; and that what is now left undone, must be undone for ever. O precious time! how highly does he value it, when he thinks of his everlasting state, and what work he has for every hour of his time. He has a heart to teach, and watch, and study; and a God to seek, and faithfully serve, and many to do good to, and a variety of duties to perform. But alas! time makes haste away,

and many things are left undone; and he is afraid that death will find him very much behind hand; and therefore he is up and doing as one that has use for every minute.

9. A Christian indeed, makes conscience of all the duties of his station and relation to others. If he is a husband he is loving, and patient, and faithful to his wife; if he is a father, he is careful of the holy education of his children; if he is a master, he is just and merciful to his servants, and careful for the saving of their souls; if he is a child or servant, he is obedient, trusty, diligent and careful, as well behind his parents or master's back, as before their face.

O happy church, and state, and family, that is composed of such confirmed Christians! where their prevailing character is such as has been described! But how much more happy is the new Jerusalem, the city of the living God, where the perfected spirits of the just, in perfect life, and light, and love, are beholding, admiring, and praising the eternal God, their Creator, and Redeemer, and Sanctifier for ever!

PREPARATION FOR DEATH.

My Friends,

You cannot live a comfortable life till you are prepared for a comfortable death; but if you are ready to die well, you are ready to live well, and ready to suffer, and ready for any thing. The man who hopes to be for ever with the Lord, has little to fear. How quietly may he sleep! how easily may he suffer! how joyfully may he live! Give me leave then to assist and direct you in this great work.

1. Be sure that you repent of every known sin: there is nothing makes death so terrible to us as guilt. "*The sting of death is sin.*" It is sin that makes us hide ourselves from our God; and it is sin that hides his face from us. So great is his mercy, that nothing but sin could separate us from his love. Spare not sin, therefore. Search it to the very bottom of your hearts, you will find it has taken deep root there, and requires deep repentance. And when you have found out all its secret places in your hearts, confess it plainly.

ıt you must go still further, and for-
ke it resolutely: a half repentance will
ɔt afford you comfort in life, or hope in
ath.

That repentance which is unto life, is a
rning unto God; a new heart, and a
ght spirit; a putting off the old man, and
tting on the new; it is ceasing to do
il, and learning to do well; it is a death
to sin, and a new birth unto righteous-
ss.

2. Put your souls into the hands of Je-
s, to be pardoned, to be sanctified, and
ved. Are you afraid of guilt, and the
w, and the wrath of God, and hell? Re-
ember he is "the Lamb of God that tak-
h away the sins of the world." "He was
ade sin for us who knew no sin, that we
ight be made the righteousness of God
him." "If any man sin, we have an
vocate with the Father, Jesus Christ
e righteous." Fly to this refuge. Lay
ld on this hope set before you, and you
ll find strong consolation.

3. Devote yourself entirely to God; and
ake it the business of your life to please
m, and to do good to all around you. O
at I could persuade you, my friends, how
uch a life of total resignation to God,
d devotedness to his service would con-

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in him, and made meet for the
of the saints in light.

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tify sin, though it has been like
a right-hand, or plucking out a

vish you had lived, when you shall be ıpon a dying bed.

4. Live daily as in heaven while you are ›n earth, by faith, hope, and love. If you ive as a stranger to heaven in health, you vill be a stranger to it in sickness: and he soul will rather have terror than pleaure, under a thought of going to a strange lace, a strange God, strange company, nd strange employments. Remember aily that there is your Father, your Saiour, your Comforter, your home, your appiness, your friends, your treasure, our crown, your glory! Do all that you o in this world with heaven still in your ye. Hear, and read, and pray, as if heaen were open before you. Resist tempıtions, and follow your business and our trade, as if heaven was still in sight, s a traveller holds on his journey in reıembrance of the end. Meditate often on ıe heavenly glory; on the certainty, the earness, the greatness of that glory. hink how many millions of holy souls :e there in joy, while we are here in fears ıd cares. They have passed through a orld of trials, and were compassed with ıch infirmities as ours, and passed through :ath as we must do. We go not an un-*odden path*; but are "followers of them

who, through faith and patience, inherit the promises."

Think how much better it is with them, than with us. How they are freed from all our sins and sufferings, doubts and fears. O think what it is for a perfected, holy soul, to see the glorified Redeemer, and all the holy company of saints and angels. To see the glory of God, and to have the knowledge of his glorious works; to feel his love poured out on us, and to be swallowed up in love and praise. Think of your holy acquaintance that are gone before you; and frequently take, as it were, a walk in the streets of the city of God. Suppose you saw their glory, and heard their concordant praises of their Creator, their Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Let such thoughts as these be your daily work and pleasure, and the conversation of your minds with God above. And because your heart will be backward you must drive it on, and preach as it were to yourself. Let heaven be your subject; convince your heart with evidence; urge it with heavenly motives; solace it with heavenly comforts; and when it is dull turn your thoughts by petition to God, and beg his help. Sometimes speak to yourselves, and sometimes reverently to God; and thus keep a hol

›mmunion and familiarity above; this
ill make heaven desirable to you in a
'ing hour. If you can but keep the sen-
ble apprehensions of God's love continu-
ly upon your heart, it will make heaven
:sirable to you, and the drawing of God's
ve will overcome the fears of death.

Think much of the infinite perfection of
od: remember his goodness is equal to
s greatness; and what that is look up to
.e heavens and see. He is called love
self; and shall it be hard for a soul that
:sires to please God, to believe that love
self loves him, and that infinite goodness
ill be pleased with him in Christ Jesus.

The Son of God, incarnate, in his whole
ork of redemption, is a wonderful glass
› reveal the love of God to man. The
:eatest proof of friendship cannot more
›nvince us of the love of our friend.

The remembering all the great mercies
: your lives, to your souls and bodies, in
'ery place, and state, and company, will
elp to convince you, that he that hath
›ne all this for you, loveth you. And you
ıay trust that God of love at death, who
ıth filled up your lives with the benefits
: his love.

Make praise and thanksgiving a part of
›ur *devotion* every day. If you thus

desires, and good works, is th
fruits and foretaste of heaven
and is a fruit of believing mo
than faith itself. It comforts
the soul by the most powerful
by experimental taste of his lov
ness; and he will most easily
there is a heaven for him, who
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Instructions to dying Chri

Now, my friends, let eve
thought be dismissed; and deli

s the mediator of the new covenant seal-
d by his blood, by which free forgiveness
nd life is given to all believers! Trust
im as the King and Judge of all, and as
he advocate of the faithful; as our great
High Priest, who intercedes for us, and
ath taken possession of the glory, to
hich he hath promised to bring us. Trust
im implicitly with soul and body; leave
oth in his faithful hands; and let his
ower, wisdom, and love dispose of you
s he pleases. Indulge no anxious thoughts
f the corruption of your flesh, or of the
nsearchable difficulties of the nature of
pirits, and the things unseen, which over-
helm and bewilder many. But rest your
ouls in the will of God through a Re-
eemer, in that will which is infinitely
ood, and the only felicity and rest of
ouls.

2. Renew your believing thoughts of
od's love, and of all the mercies of your
fe. Instead of sorrowing that they are at
n end, rejoice with thankfulness. Rejoice
n that mercy which opened your eyes,
nd turned you from darkness to light, and
om the power of Satan unto God; that
as pardoned and adopted you, and led you
far on your way towards the heavenly
heritance. O triumph in that love which

ven, be afraid to go to such

3. Now steep your souls in
thoughts of the heavenly gl
you are going. O now reme
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and fear no more, and suf
till you shall know God and
only as much as you can
much as your heart can wisl
larged capacities can receive
hour will that be, when you
entered into the city of God,
society, and sing your first s
praise to God and the Lamb
enemy is unbelief, that can
trembling without the doors,

Reflections for an aged Christian.

What abundant experience have I had
God's fidelity and love! And after all
, shall I not love him? His undeserved
dness gave me being; it chose my
ents, gave them a tender love for me,
l desire of my good; it taught them
nstruct me early in his word; to edu-
e me in his fear; it placed me in the
t of lands, and one of the best of ages;
estroyed all great expectations from the
rld, teaching me to bear the yoke from
youth; it chastened me betimes, but
not destroy me. I have been trained
in the school of affliction, to keep my
ggish soul awake in the constant ex-
tation of my great change; to kill my
de and overvaluing of this world; and
a spur to quicken my soul to diligence.
what a mercy hath a life of gentle chas-
ement proved to me! It urged me
ainst all dull delays, to make my calling
d election sure; and to make ready my
counts, as one that must quickly give
m up to God. It was love and mercy
t made sacred truth so pleasant to me
all its glorious discoveries and practical
. *How* many comfortable hours hav

I had in the society of living saints; how many joyful days in the solemn assemblies where God has been worshipped with seriousness by concordant, though imperfect saints! From how many a danger, fear and pain, have I been delivered! How many weary days have been sweetened with his pleasant work, and how many painful nights have had a comfortable morning! Many a time have I cried to the Lord in my trouble, and he hath delivered me out of my distress.

These, and many more than these, are my experiences of that wondrous mercy which has measured my pilgrimage, and filled up my days. Never did God break his promises with me; never did he fail me, nor forsake me, till provoked by my wilful sinning. How little interruption have I had of my peace and comfort, and shall I now distrust him at last? Shall I not quietly trust that infinite wisdom, love, and power, which I have so long trusted, and found so good? To thee, O Lord, as to a faithful Creator, I commit my soul. I know that thou art the faithful God, that keepest covenant and mercy with them that love thee, and keep thy commandments. To thee, O my Saviour, I commit my spirit. It is thine own by redemption;

it is thine own by covenant; it is marked and sealed for thine own by thy Spirit; and thou hast promised not to lose it. Thou wast made like thy brethren, that thou mightest be "a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God," to make reconciliation for our sins. By thy blood we have boldness to enter into the holiest; even by the new and living consecrated way. Cause me to draw near with a sincere heart, in full assurance of faith; for he is faithful who has promised life through thee. Faithful and true are all thy promises. Thou hast promised rest to weary souls that come unto thee. I am weary of suffering and of sin; weary of my flesh, and weary of my darkness, and dulness, and distance; and of this wicked and unrighteous world. And whither should I look for rest, but to my heavenly Father, and to thee? I am but a bruised reed; but thou wilt not break me. I am but a smoking flax; but thou wilt not quench what thy grace hath kindled. The Lord redeemeth the souls of his servants, and none of them that trust in thee shall be desolate; therefore will I wait on thy name, for it is good, and will trust in the mercy of God for ever. Thou *art my hope,* O Lord God! thou art m

trust from my youth; my praise shal continually of thee. O God! forsake not! "I had fainted unless I had belie to see the goodness of the Lord in the of the living." The sun may ceas shine on man, and the earth to bear but God will never cease to live, nor t faithful to his promises. Blessed be Lord, who hath commanded me so safe quieting a duty, to trust him, and cas my care on one who has promised to for me.

HYMN.

My God! my everlasting hope,
I live upon thy truth:
Thy hands have held my childhood u
And strengthen'd all my youth.

Still has my life new wonders seen
Repeated every year,
Behold! my days that yet remain,
I trust them to thy care.

Cast me not off when strength declin
When hoary hairs arise:
And round me let thy glory shine,
Whene'er thy servant dies.

Then in the history of my age,
When men review my days,
They'll read thy love in every page;
In every line thy praise.

A Thanksgiving Prayer for an aged, or dying Christian.

Alas! dear Lord, I am ashamed that to love and praise thee should be a work of difficulty! What should I love, if not goodness and love itself? That merciful Father who made me, that I might love him; who redeemed me, that by love he might win my love; and sanctified me to dispose my soul to love him? What shall I praise, if not infinite perfection? the glory of whose power, wisdom, and goodness, shines forth in the whole creation! Heaven and earth praise thee! And am I no part of heaven or earth? The whole creation proclaims thy glory? And am I not a part of thy creation? Thy very enemies when redeemed, reconciled, and forgiven, praise the love and grace of their Redeemer! And am I not one of these? Thy saints all love thee; for love is the essence of a saint: they praise thee; for this is the work of saints. And am I not one of these? I am less than the least of all thy mercies; but it is not the least of thy mercies which I have received. And if a life full of mercies has *not brought* forth a life full of love ar

praise, let it end in a loving and praising death.

A Prayer against Unbelief.

O Thou that knowest how deadly an enemy unbelief is to thy honour and my soul! send, I beseech thee, that heavenly light to my mind, which may banish and confound it. Let it not blaspheme thy truth, and imprison, and blind, and torment my soul. O Thou that givest the word, the Saviour, the heaven which I must believe! deny me not that faith by which I must believe them. It must be thy glory whose reflections must reveal thy glory to us; and a light from heaven that must shew us heaven. O send one beam, one beam, Lord, of that heavenly light into this dark sinful soul! that, with Stephen, I may see in my passage the glory of my blessed Lord to whom I go; and with Simeon may gladly say, "Lord, now let thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation!" One beam of thine will drive away the powers of darkness, and banish all these doubts and fears, and let in some of heaven into my

soul, before it is admitted into heaven! O thou blessed Spirit, the illuminator of dark imprisoned souls, remember not all my resistances of thy grace, and leave me not to the power of darkness and unbelief!

O Thou that art the Spirit of life, so quicken and actuate this sluggish soul, that the last part of my race may be run with vigour, and the last act of my life may be done in evidence of the heavenly influence, and may be more like the heavenly employment, than all the rest has been! Now kindle that fire of heavenly love in me; and give me some taste of the celestial joys, which may feelingly tell me that there is a heaven indeed; and may be the witness within, and the pledge and earnest that I shall live with Christ. My flesh and my heart now fail me; the world and all therein is nothing to me; I am taking my everlasting farewell of them all. But one beam of his face, and one taste of his love, who is my portion for ever, will be strength and joy to my departing soul, and better than this life and all its pleasures. Come, Lord, with all these seasonable comforts into my soul, that my soul may comfortably come to thee! My life had been but death, and

darkness, and disaffection to God, if thou hadst not been in me a spirit of life, and light, and love. The tempter would have been too strong for me. And how then shall I deal with him myself, when the languishings of my body shall disable my soul! Thou despisest not art and reason. I thank thee for the use I have had of them in their season. But one beam of thy light, one spark of thy love, one motion of thy heavenly life, will better confute the enemy of faith than my disputes can do. Teach me effectually to love and praise thee; and it shall powerfully prove to me that there is a heaven where I shall joyfully love and praise thee for ever.

The Prayer of a Christian near Death.

O thou Sovereign of Life and Death, of Earth and Heaven! Thy mercy brought me into the world, kept me from a thousand dangers, and gave me innumerable blessings of life and godliness. Thy mercy convinced and converted me, renewed and sanctified my heart, and formed Christ in me. O amazing mercy, that I am not dying in an impenitent and Christless state!

I thank thee for the means of grace, and the hopes of glory. I thank thee for the fruits of Canaan through the wilderness, and now on the brink of Jordan. I thank thee for the cordials of thy great and precious promises, and that they are now as precious as ever. I covenanted with thee for eternal life, as the gift of thy free grace, through Jesus Christ my Lord. In his name I humbly claim it. To thine hand I commit this departing spirit. I am thine; save me. I have fled to the cross of thy Son. I have renounced all dependance on any worthiness of my own. I come to thee as a sinner, believing in Christ for pardon and salvation. Let me have my lot among the followers of Jesus. I know in whom I have believed. I rejoice that I am in the hands of the good Shepherd. I thank thee, that, after this long absence, thou art calling me home—to my glorious eternal home. But forsake not the world I am leaving, nor thy church from which I am removing. Having bought it with an inestimable price; still guard it, purify it, and unite it more and more, till all flesh shall see thy salvation. Let my few remaining moments on earth be spent for thy glory. Whatever this flesh may suffer, let my soul be rising to the general as

come surely; come quickly! Am

Prayer for a dying Christian

Thy mercy brought me into th
Thy mercy chose my parentage, ed
and habitation; it trained me up,
me from a thousand dangers; it
pered my body and furnished my
gave me teachers, books, and hel
it gave me a Redeemer, the pr
life, and the word of salvation! It
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and turned my sinful heart; all

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ve! All my deliverances from temp-
and sin; from death and danger;
y recoveries from my too frequent
and pardon of my daily sins; all the
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rthy sinner for the good of any, for
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ondrous love! And shall I be afraid
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) that I had more entirely done it;
now find how little reason I have to
t of my covenant! It is heaven which
Spirit of grace and merciful provi-
s have all this while been preparing
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ling to possess it? O my God, do
ese foretastes of love assure me that
l be happy in thy love for ever! My
in thy goodness, thy Son, and thy
ant, will never be disappointed. Thou

DEAR FRIEND,

Though nature teaches us to mou
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faith permits us to rejoice with you
of your endless joys, which seem to
at hand. We must rejoice with yo
friends that love you; and therefo
partakers of your welfare. And w
rejoice with you as fellow-travell
fellow-soldiers, that are going alon
you to the same felicity: and if
left behind for a little while, yet w
ere long to overtake you, and neve
separated from you more. This is
for which Christ has been so long

ave a Christ! that you are not to en-
ounter an unconquered death, nor to go
) God without a Mediator: but that Death
by Christ disarmed of his sting; and
iat you may boldly resign your soul into
ie hands of your Redeemer, and com-
end it to him as a member of himself!
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penitent believer. How sad would your
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your heart was now to be softened, hum-
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nsumed in sin! But what an unspeak-
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grace to contend with, and to
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whom you have had the victo
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man serve me, let him follow me; where I am there shall also my ser- be." You have served him, and are ving him, and are going to be with where he is.

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lations addressed to a dying Christian.

r friend, you seem now to be almost ur journey's end! But how many sad have those to go, whom you leave d in this sinful world! You have it a good fight, and kept the faith; hall never be troubled with an enemy, mptation, when this contest is over! shall never be so much as tempted to ief, or pride, or worldly mindedness, shly lusts, or to any defects in the e of your Lord! But how many tations do you leave us encompassed ! And how many dangers and enemies ercome! And, alas, how many falls ounds may we receive! You are en- into the harbour, and leave us toss- the tempest on the waves. Flesh will ore entice or cloy your soul! You o more have unruly senses to com- , *nor* an unreasonable appetite to

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the creation; the place, the
reason of all the things whi
know not. The mysteries of
which angels pry into, will b
folded to you. What welcom

promised harbour of felicity with themselves! What joy will you be entertained and welcomed into! to the acquaintance of those blessed spirits, and of all the holy spirits that are delivered from this flesh and world; and to see their order, be numbered with their society, and to be employed in their joyful work! O how much better company is there than the best below! There is no ignorance; and, therefore no error; no want of love, and no contention; no narrow private interest to contend for; but all made happy in perfect love: no cruel mockings or imprisonments; none destitute, afflicted, or tormented; no more sufferings for the sake of righteousness; but having suffered with Christ, they are now reigning with him. No wars or rumours of wars; because no lust to war in their members. There we shall have no suffering friend to mourn for; your righteous soul will no longer be grieved with the wicked; the whole society will shine in light, and flame in love; and none through weakness or corruption will be a cloy or hindrance to another. Above all this, you shall behold the person of your glorified Redeemer! the wonderful condescension of his incarnation, and the mystery of his divine nature will there

be better understood. You shall see
blessed God himself; in that place w
he hath prepared to reveal his glor
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backward souls to happiness; and
us to blessedness, whether we will or
Come on then, dear friend, and fair
at the last. Fear not to encounte
King of Terrors! It is the last enemy
it is a conquered enemy.

An Address to the Sick, when unprepared for Death.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

It has pleased God, in whose hands our breath is, and whose are all our ways, to lay his afflicting hand upon you. He has done much to convince you of his love; he has nourished and brought you up as his child; crowned you with loving-kindness and tender mercies; and invited you to partake of all the blessings of the Gospel Salvation. But hitherto all has been in vain; his terrors have not alarmed you, his mercies have not melted you; but his love still follows you: and rather than you should perish, he is laying his correcting hand upon you. You have often seen the love of a father in the chastisement of his child; and will you not believe your heavenly Father, when he declares, "whom he loveth he chasteneth;" not for his pleasure, but to purify them from sin, and make them partakers of his holiness? This is, perhaps, the last means that he will try. Now he is shewing you the vanity of the world, and how poor a portion it *is for an* immortal soul! He is now

shewing you the value of that time which you have trifled away. He is drawing you nearer to an eternal world, that he may rouse you from your fatal security. We would not, my friend, wish to alarm or terrify you; but we must be faithful, where the life of an immortal soul is at stake. You know that you are a mortal; and ought you not to suppose that this sickness may be unto death? Let me entreat you to put to yourself this serious question, Am I ready? Take the gospel marks of salvation into your hands, and judge yourself faithfully as one who must be judged of the Lord.

Jesus Christ has told you, that "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Does not this imply, that you have a sinful nature, that must be changed and renewed? He tells you, that "One thing is needful;" and what is this one thing, but the care of your soul? Has this been the one thing needful with you? Have you sought first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and preferred the hopes of eternal life, before all the pleasures and prosperity of this world? Have you walked after the flesh, or after the Spirit? Have you been spiritually minded, which is life and peace; or car-

nally minded, which is death? Have you hated sin, and been striving, watching, and praying against it? Have you seen yourself to be one of those lost sinners whom Jesus Christ came to seek and to save? And have you cast yourself upon him for life and salvation? O, my friend, how will you escape if you neglect so great a salvation? Arise, and call upon thy God! Seek him while he may be found! Call upon him while he is near!

Prayer.

O my God! I have been examining my heart, and searching my ways; and I find that I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight; I have lived without thee in the world. Thou hast called; but I would not answer. I have cast off fear, and restrained prayer before thee. I have resisted thy Holy Spirit, and trampled upon the blood of a Redeemer! O that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night! Have mercy upon me, O God! Turn me, and I shall be turned! I have undone myself; but to thee do I look for help! Lord, save me, or I perish! I have heard that the King of Israel is a merciful King, an

flesh! a heart to hate as thy lov
mourn for my rebellion against th
heart to love holiness, and to hunge
thirst after righteousness! O my G
is a great work to change this sinful
and to create it anew in Christ Jesu
crucify the old man, and to put o
new: and I may have but little tin
this great work. But O how many
must I have of my own sincerity! B
my God, the work is thine own! Th
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and the blood of sprinkling can c
me from all sin! I will lie at the f
the cross, and if I perish, I will
there.

A MISSIONARY PRAYER.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, who art, and wast, and art to come: who is God like unto thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders! Thou art blessed in thyself, and the gracious Author of all our blessings, the only sovereign Lord, who canst do what thou pleasest in heaven and in earth. Thou alone hast everlasting life in thyself, and thou only canst bestow it upon others.

O Lord! thou hast purchased to thyself an universal church, by the precious blood of thy dear Son, and hast commanded that ntercession be made for all men by thy hosen people. We now more especially raw near unto thee, to entreat thy blessing upon the nations that sit in darkness nd the shadow of death. May missionies and ministers be abundantly raised and sent forth among them, and may ese thy servants be enabled in the power thy Spirit, to proclaim in every land *good tidings* of everlasting salvation ugh a crucified Redeemer. We prai

thee, O God! and we would that all the earth should worship before thee, in spirit and in truth. Where darkness and delusion prevail, and every evil work abounds, may grace much more abound, through the preaching of the glorious gospel of reconciliation and peace. But how, O Lord, shall they hear without a teacher, and who but the Lord of the harvest shall send forth labourers into the field? Influence our cold hearts, thou God of love! and awaken in us a deeper concern for the souls of men. Call forth by thy Spirit the energies of a divine philanthropy, and let its workings be guided by thy redeeming grace. Pour forth a spirit of love, of power, and of a sound mind, and grant that unity and brotherly love may confirm and strengthen that which is weak among ourselves.

Look on those who are already gone forth not counting their lives dear to them in this glorious cause. Support them under all sufferings and discouragements whether of mind, body, or estate; and finally give them to see the triumphs of thy word in pulling down the strong holds of iniquity, and turning many to the wisdom of the just. O! that that just One would rend the heavens and come down, and establish his cause upon the earth! We

for thee, O Christ, as those who
h for the morning; hasten the great
of the restitution of all things, and let
ear of thy redeemed come—the year
ecompense for the controversies of
. We bless thee that thine arm hath
een shortened that it should not save;
hat our eyes have seen the assemblies
y people gathered together as in a
convocation to proclaim thy glory.
e! Awake! put on thy strength,
m of the Lord: awake, as in the
nt days, as in the generations of old,
nake the depths of the sea a way for
ransomed of the Lord to pass over.
ou their confidence who are afar off,
et the blessing of Him who was sepa-
l from his brethren be upon them even
e utmost bounds of the everlasting
Look on the churches of Asia,
e were the golden candlesticks, and
re unto them their privileges as at
rst, and turn again their captivity as
treams of the south.
stroy the power of her whose hire is
ouls of men, and let those who are
r strong delusions to believe a lie, be
sed by the Spirit of truth from the
age of corruption.
visit every branch of thy vine, O Lord.

and plant it anew by thy right-hand; and where some good seed is found in it, let it be restored before thee, and say thou, "Spare, for a blessing is in it." Bring back thine ancient people the Jews: convince them that Shiloh is come, and let them answer the messengers of the nations, that the Lord hath founded Zion, and that the poor of her people do trust in a crucified Messiah. And wherever, O God, thou hast begun to shew thy servants thy greatness and thy mighty hand, go on, we beseech thee, to work for thine own glory, and to perfect that which concerneth it.

Look upon us in mercy, and hear our prayer: hear us, good Lord, for thine own name's sake, even for the sake of that great name whereby thou delightest to be called—The Lord God, long-suffering and gracious, full of goodness and truth. Open unto each of us the treasures of thy word. Fulfil unto us thy glorious promises, and make us so firmly thine in Christ Jesus, that we may ever have our portion among thy people upon earth, and finally receive from thee the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls.

HYMN.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run:
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And princes throng to crown his head:
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise,
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains:
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Where he displays his healing pow'r,
Death and the curse are known no more:
In him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.

Let ev'ry creature rise, and bring
Peculiar honours to our King:
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud *Amen!*

OCCASIONAL SENTENCE

WHICH MAY BE ADDED TO ANY O

DAILY PRAYERS.

When any Member of the Family i

Hear us, almighty and most r
God and Saviour: extend thy accu
goodness to thy servant who is
with sickness. Sanctify, we besee
thy fatherly correction to *him*; t
sense of *his* weakness may add stre
his faith, and seriousness to *his* repe
That, if it shall be thy good plea
restore *him* to *his* former health,
lead the residue of *his* life *in* thy fe
to thy glory: or else, give *him* gra
take thy visitation, that, after this
life ended, *he* may dwell with thee
everlasting, through Jesus Christ ou
Amen.

any Member of the Family is going a Journey.

especially entreat thee in behalf of
ho in addition to the ordinary dan-
f life, is about to be exposed to those
immediately incident to travelling.
him, we beseech thee, every jour-
; mercy. Be thou, O Lord, *his* help-
l *his* defence on every side. Let no
ɔefal *him* by night or by day. Keep
ɔm all evil. Preserve *his* going out
ıming in; and be with *him* amidst
vicissitudes of this earthly pilgrim-
l thou hast brought *him* to thy holy
:, to be a pillar in the house of his
ınd to go no more out.

For those under Affliction.

ɔok upon all who are afflicted and
ısed, whether in mind, body, or
Heal thou their infirmities, remove
trials, and in the mean time sanctify
m all thy dispensations. May every
ınd every trial, lead them, and lead
to prepare more earnestly for that
l state, when there shall be no more
and where sorrow and sighing shall
r flee away."

For Friends and Relatives.

"We commend to thy fatherly care our beloved friends and relatives. Grant them whatever may be good for them in this present life, and afterwards receive them to everlasting glory through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Or

"May thy blessing rest on our friends, relatives, and acquaintance. Make us all partakers of thy salvation; and whatever separation thy good providence may make upon earth, O grant that we and they may meet with joy at thy right hand in the day of judgment."

Or with the same commencement.

"Enable us all to live in love and peace together, discharging every duty as in thy sight, and looking for thy mercy through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and may we all at length rejoice together in the great day of his appearing."

OUR FATHER which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us: the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and evermore. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

FINIS.

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